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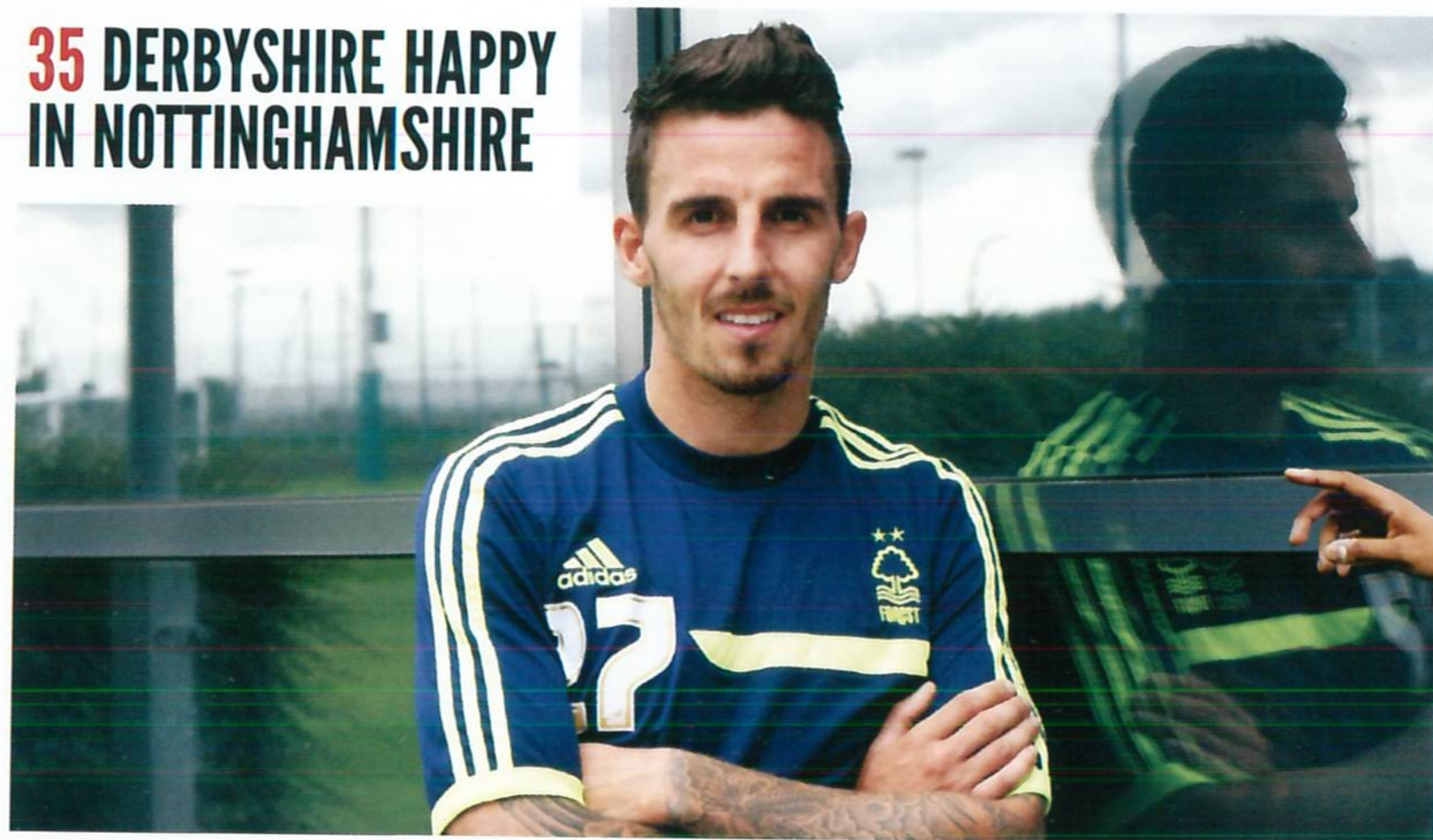


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## FROM THE BOARDROOM

Good afternoon, everyone, and a warm welcome to the supporters, players, staff and directors of Bolton Wanderers.

Last time I wrote to you was ahead of our Capital One Cup first round match against Hartlepool. I stated the club's determination to strive for success in cup competitions despite our primary concern being the league.

I was therefore ecstatic with the convincing manner of our win and the attitude on display from the team – they had a genuine thirst for victory and their class showed in the score line.

Credit too must go to Billy and his staff for securing our safe passage into round two on an evening where some so-called 'bigger teams' exited at the hands of lower league opposition.

Not only did we progress in the competition, we continued to build our winning streak – a factor which I firmly believe helped us to a fantastic victory at Blackburn last weekend.

I often hear Billy speak about developing a winning mentality within the squad and, while no-one should be getting carried away at this early stage, I believe the nature of our win at Ewood Park went some way to suggesting our players are ready for the immense mental challenges this division provides.

One look at Blackburn's squad should tell you enough about their ambitions for this season, but from my seat in the Directors' Box I thought we looked strong throughout and thoroughly deserved the win.

While the highlight of the match was obviously Darius' injury-time winner, our defensive work after that, and indeed throughout the whole game, was excellent and we saw the game out comfortably.

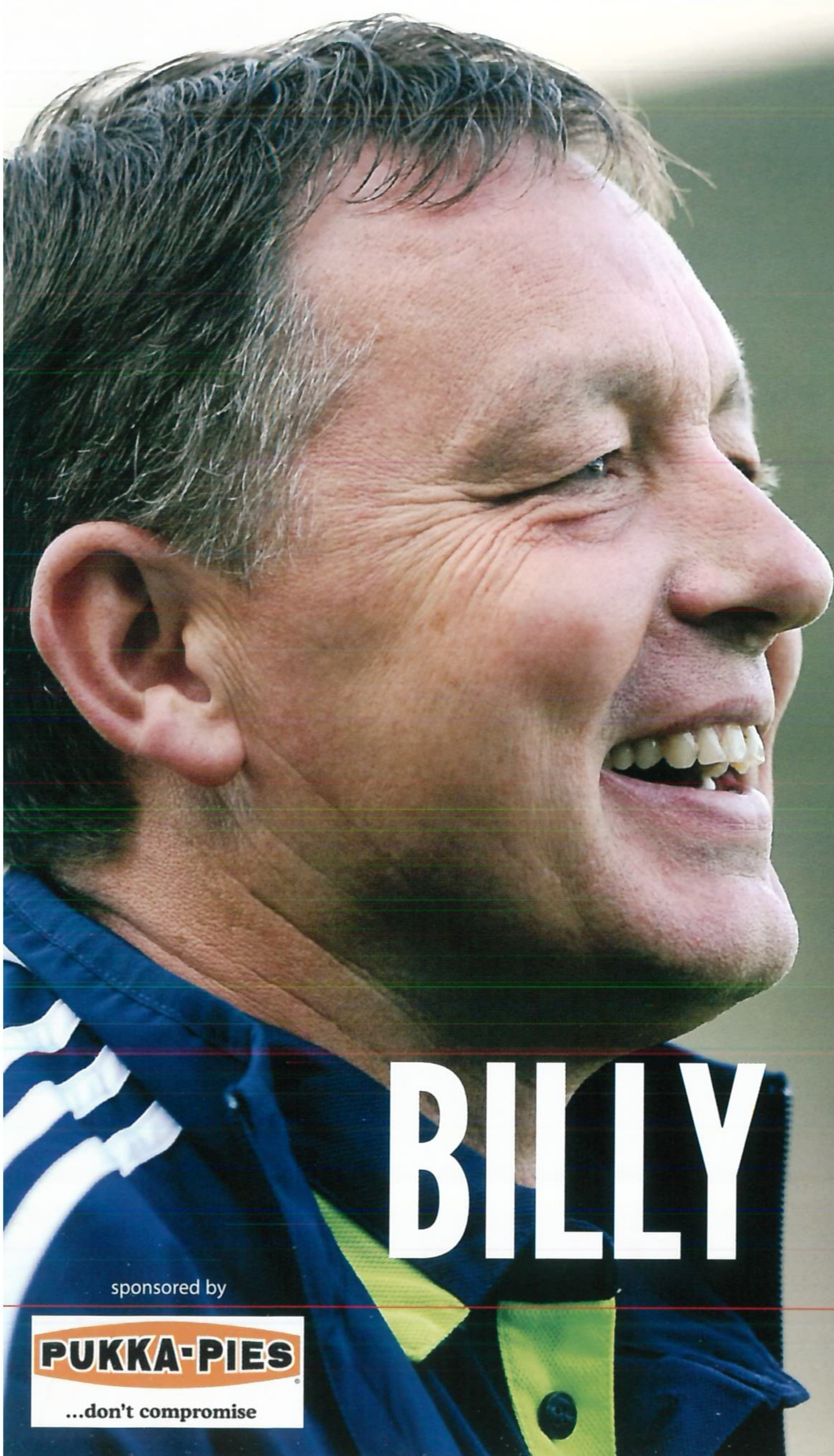
I'm sure you will all agree it was fantastic to see Kelvin Wilson back at the heart of our defence – he gave an assured performance and I am confident there will be much more to come from him as he settles back into life with us.

Today presents another immensely difficult match against opposition with the same ambitions as us. But whatever happens this afternoon I think we can all feel proud of the start we have made to what I hope will be a memorable season.



# FAWAZ





# BILLY

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Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to this afternoon's Championship match against Bolton Wanderers.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dougie Freedman, his players, staff and directors to The City Ground.

Last week saw us secure an excellent 3-1 victory over Hartlepool United in the first round of the Capital One Cup. It was a strong performance and we thoroughly deserved the win. It was great to see Greg Halford get on the score sheet, Matt Derbyshire continued his fantastic form in front of goal and Radi Majewski produced that bit of magic we all know he is capable of.

There were some excellent individual performances and it was pleasing to see Dorus de Vries have an impressive debut for us. Cup football is a great leveller – players love coming to The City Ground to test themselves, so I was delighted we managed to progress to the next round to set up what will be another immensely difficult match against Millwall.

We followed up that success with a fantastic victory at Blackburn. It was our first win at Ewood Park since 1999 and the first time we had secured back-to-back victories at the start of a season in the second tier since 1997 – two terrific achievements.

Darius Henderson had an excellent game and fully deserved his winner, as did you, the supporters, who once again backed us in excellent numbers and in fine voice. I'm sure you enjoyed that moment, although a special mention must go to our back five who again worked well together to help us earn another victory and a fantastic clean sheet.

It's been a brilliant start, and for that I must extend my congratulations to the players and staff, but our feet are firmly on the ground - we have to keep working hard.

This afternoon we face another huge test against a very good Bolton side. The players will give their all and I know you will too. Enjoy the game.





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- 1888 The World's original league formed
- 1891 Goal nets and penalty kicks were introduced
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- 1901 Maximum wage introduced
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## A SOLID FOUNDATION

Forest supporters Richie Wheatcroft and David Cross had double cause for celebration on the opening day of the season.

At half-time during our 1-0 win over Huddersfield Town, Richie became the lucky winner of The Forest Foundation's £5,000 jackpot after his number was drawn out of the hat last by Paralympic gold medallist Richard Whitehead.

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TODAY'S VISITORS

# A RISING TROT

**Dougie Freedman is  
determined to guide  
The Trotters back  
into the top flight**



## THE TROTTERS DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Bolton's Nat Lofthouse scored 30 goals in 33 games for England, giving himself one of the greatest goals-per-game ratios of any player to represent England at the highest level.



In 1928 Bolton sold David Jack to Arsenal for a fee of £10,890 which was a world record, more than double the previous most expensive transfer of a player.



Bolton played in the first FA Cup final to be played at Wembley Stadium in 1923, beating West Ham United 2-0 with goals from David Jack and Jack Smith.



After suffering final day heartbreak at the end of the 2012-13 season, Bolton Wanderers arrive here this afternoon looking to further their claim as one of the Championship's promotion contenders.

Wanderers' 2-2 draw at home to Blackpool on the final day of last season, combined with Leicester's 3-2 win here at The City Ground, meant Dougie Freedman's side missed out on the playoffs on goal difference.

Our former striker Freedman, himself still only 39, brings his charges here after earning a hard-fought 1-1 draw against fellow promotion hopefuls Reading last weekend and believes that his side more than deserved their point against The Royals.

Speaking to Bolton's website after the game, he said: "We played very well in the opening 45 minutes and showed fantastic creativity going forward.

"We played against a team which was well structured and organised. Reading gave us a few problems but overall it was a deserved point for both managers."

Freedman moved swiftly in the summer transfer market in a bid to ensure his side don't miss out on promotion a second time, bringing in a host of experienced Championship players to help the club get back to the top flight.

Alex Baptiste, Marc Tierney, Andre Moritz and Jermaine Beckford have all been inducted into a squad which lost players such as Marcus Alonso and Kevin Davies during the close season.

But the club's marquee signing came just last week as former Liverpool midfielder Jay Spearing, who spent last season on loan at The Reebok Stadium, signed a permanent contract with The Trotters.

The 24 year old made 39 appearances for Bolton in 2012-13 and scooped the club's Player of the Year award – no surprise, then, that 96% of Wanderers supporters voted for him to return in a recent local newspaper poll.

Alongside Spearing in midfield is the dynamic Darren Pratley, who has already matched his goalscoring tally from last season, as his back-to-back strikes secured draws against Burnley and Reading in Bolton's first two league matches.

However, another influential midfielder may be missing from this afternoon's game. Former Manchester United youngster Chris Eagles picked up an ankle injury on the opening day and was not risked in the draw with Reading.

But with the nucleus of their squad now in place and with parachute payments from the Premier League still rolling in, Bolton are rightly being backed by the bookmakers as

one of the favourites to return to the top tier of English football, just two seasons after dropping down to the Championship.

The Trotters have started the season in good form - their opening day draw at Burnley was followed by an away win at Shrewsbury Town in the first round of the Capital One Cup. That success in Shropshire has set up a second round tie for Wanderers away at League One side Tranmere Rovers.

Last Saturday's stalemate against Reading maintained Bolton's unbeaten start to the campaign but they will no doubt arrive here this afternoon determined to notch their first league win of the season.

The month of August doesn't get any easier for Freedman's men who, after today's game, face a home game against pre-season title favourites Queens Park Rangers before seeing out the month with a tough trip to local rivals Blackburn Rovers.

But with a squad full of players who have featured at the highest level and with a young, upcoming manager who is hungry for success, not many would bet against Bolton Wanderers getting back to the big time this season.

**Having tasted Premier League football with Blackpool, new signing Alex Baptiste is eager to return there with The Trotters.**





# THE SPINE OF THE TEAM

## IN GOAL

**1 Adam Bogdan**



**SIGNED FROM VASAS 2007**

**AGE 25**

**APPS 80**

**GLS 0**



The shotstopper began his career at Vasas in his native Hungary before moving to The Reebok Stadium on a free transfer in 2007. After finding his chances limited due to the consistency of Jussi Jaaskelainen, Bogdan finally got his chance when the Finn was injured in the 2011-12 season. He quite literally took the opportunity with both hands by saving a Wayne Rooney penalty at Old Trafford and has now established himself as the top goalkeeper for both his club and country.

**SIGNED FROM ASTON VILLA 2009**

**AGE 33**

**APPS 159**

**GLS 2**



## DEFENCE

**12 Zat Knight**

After an eight-year spell at Fulham at the beginning of his career, the experienced defender was snapped up by Aston Villa for £3.5million in 2007. He made 40 Premier League appearances for The Villains in a two-year period, scoring against both Arsenal and Chelsea, before Bolton brought him to the club for £4million in 2009. Knight has gone on to make over 150 appearances for The Trotters in all competitions and was also capped by England back in 2005. The centre back will be a key player if Bolton are to get back to the top flight.





**SIGNED FROM SWANSEA CITY 2011**

**AGE 28**

**APPS 70**

**GLS 6**



## **MIDFIELD**

**21 Darren Pratley**

The 28 year old departed newly-promoted Swansea City for The Reebok in 2011 in pursuit of a fresh challenge. He found life difficult in his first season as Wanderers were relegated from the Premier League, but he has since become a key cog in The Trotters' midfield with his committed, all-action displays. He goes in to this afternoon's match as Bolton's top scorer having netted in the draws against Burnley on opening day and against Reading last weekend.



**SIGNED FROM LEICESTER CITY 2013**

**AGE 29**

**APPS 2**

**GLS 0**



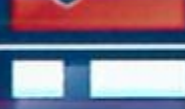
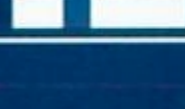
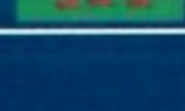
## **ATTACK**

**10 Jermaine Beckford**

The former Chelsea trainee began his senior career at non-league outfit Wealdstone where he was so impressive that Leeds United snapped him up in March 2006. He enjoyed loan spells at Carlisle United and Scunthorpe United, helping the latter secure the League One title, before earning a spot in the Leeds first team. After some impressive form at Elland Road - 72 league goals in 115 starts - he moved to Everton in May 2010 but struggled to get into David Moyes' side, prompting a £3million switch to Leicester. Following a brief loan spell at Huddersfield Town, Beckford made his latest move to Bolton in July 2013.



# THE TROTTERS: PLAYER BY PLAYER

| POSITION                    | NATIONALITY                                                                         | APPS | GLS |                                                                            |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>GOALKEEPERS</b>          |                                                                                     |      |     |                                                                            |
| <b>1</b> Adam Bogdan        |    | 80   | 0   | <i>Played all 90 minutes in Hungary's midweek draw with Czech Republic</i> |
| <b>24</b> Andy Lonergan     |    | 10   | 0   | <i>Number two keeper who made over 200 appearances for Preston</i>         |
| <b>DEFENCE</b>              |                                                                                     |      |     |                                                                            |
| <b>2</b> Tyrone Mears       |    | 30   | 0   | <i>Experienced defender formerly of Man City and Marseille</i>             |
| <b>4</b> Matt Mills         |    | 18   | 1   | <i>Highly-rated centre back, formerly captain of Reading and Leicester</i> |
| <b>5</b> Tim Ream           |    | 33   | 0   | <i>Signed from New York Red Bulls as Gary Cahill's replacement</i>         |
| <b>12</b> Zat Knight        |   | 159  | 2   | <i>Towering centre back with vast Premier League experience</i>            |
| <b>15</b> Alex Baptiste     |  | 3    | 0   | <i>27 year old defender formerly of Mansfield and Blackpool</i>            |
| <b>23</b> Marc Tierney      |  | 3    | 0   | <i>Versatile full back who joined in the summer from Norwich</i>           |
| <b>31</b> David Wheeler     |  | 47   | 3   | <i>A product of Middlesbrough's esteemed Academy</i>                       |
| <b>MIDFIELD</b>             |                                                                                     |      |     |                                                                            |
| <b>6</b> Jay Spearing       |  | 40   | 2   | <i>Won Bolton's Player of the Year in the 2012-13 season</i>               |
| <b>7</b> Chris Eagles       |  | 89   | 18  | <i>Left Burnley to join former boss Owen Coyle at The Reebok</i>           |
| <b>14</b> Andre Moritz      |  | 2    | 0   | <i>Attacking midfielder who signed this summer from Palace</i>             |
| <b>16</b> Mark Davies       |  | 130  | 13  | <i>25 year old who scored Bolton's 2010-11 Goal of the Season</i>          |
| <b>21</b> Darren Pratley    |  | 70   | 6   | <i>All-action central midfielder formerly of Fulham and Swansea City</i>   |
| <b>22</b> Stuart Holden     |  | 38   | 2   | <i>Has seen an immensely promising career halted by injury</i>             |
| <b>27</b> Chung-Yong Lee    |  | 124  | 14  | <i>South Korean international winger with pace to burn</i>                 |
| <b>29</b> Jan Gregus*       |  | 0    | 0   | <i>Beginning his second loan spell from Banik Ostrava</i>                  |
| <b>44</b> Medo              |  | 15   | 1   | <i>Defensive midfielder not to be confused with Egyptian striker Mido</i>  |
| <b>ATTACK</b>               |                                                                                     |      |     |                                                                            |
| <b>9</b> David Ngog         |  | 75   | 12  | <i>Won Liverpool's Player of the Month award in August 2010</i>            |
| <b>10</b> Jermaine Beckford |  | 2    | 0   | <i>Prolific for Leeds, he has since played for Everton and Leicester</i>   |
| <b>11</b> Robert Hall       |  | 2    | 1   | <i>Pacey attacker starting a new chapter after leaving West Ham</i>        |
| <b>28</b> Craig Davies      |  | 21   | 4   | <i>Well-travelled front man who has six Welsh caps to his name</i>         |

\*Loanee





SIGNED FROM LIVERPOOL 2013 

AGE 24

APPS 39

GLS 2



# EYE CATCHING

6 Jay Spearing

After scooping the Man of the Match award in his first game back against Reading last weekend, Spearing looks set to be anything but a one-season wonder.

Jay Spearing had 30 Premier League and 13 European appearances for Liverpool under his belt when he arrived at The Reebok Stadium to commence a season-long loan almost a year ago.

It therefore came as no surprise when he went on to scoop Bolton's 2012-13 Player of the Season award, securing cult hero status amongst the Wanderers' support along the way for his tenacious and consistent displays.

After such an impressive campaign it can't have been a difficult decision for Dougie Freedman to enquire about the possibility of signing the central midfielder permanently but, with other interested parties no doubt waiting in the wings, it was probably with a sigh of relief that he saw Spearing sign a four-year deal with The Trotters earlier this month.

The 24 year old had previous experience of the Championship – he spent the latter part of the 2009-10 season at The King Power Stadium as Leicester suffered heartbreak at the hands of Cardiff in the playoff semi-finals.

Prior to that he captained Liverpool's Academy to FA Youth Cup victory in 2007 and, after recovering from a broken leg, was eventually promoted into first team circles at Anfield.

His career with his hometown club gathered momentum in 2010-11 as he began to win acclaim for his performances in the Premier League but, frustratingly for him, a swathe of new signings and a change in management limited his first team opportunities.

That opened the door for last summer's switch to The Reebok and, after scooping the Man of the Match award in his first game back against Reading last weekend, Spearing looks set to be anything but a one-season wonder.



# 2013-14 STAT PACK



## CHAMPIONSHIP TOP FIVES

### GOALS

|   |  |        |    |
|---|--|--------|----|
| 1 |  | MURRAY | 30 |
| 2 |  | RHODES | 29 |
| 3 |  | AUSTIN | 25 |
| 4 |  | VYDRA  | 22 |
| 5 |  | DEENEY | 20 |

### ASSISTS

|   |  |              |    |
|---|--|--------------|----|
| 1 |  | ROBBIE BRADY | 11 |
| 2 |  | ORLANDI      | 11 |
| 3 |  | PRITCHARD    | 10 |
| 4 |  | ANTONIO      | 10 |
| 5 |  | SAKO         | 10 |

### SHOTS ON TARGET

|   |  |        |    |
|---|--|--------|----|
| 1 |  | MURRAY | 61 |
| 2 |  | INCE   | 58 |
| 3 |  | AUSTIN | 56 |
| 4 |  | EAGLES | 55 |
| 5 |  | RHODES | 55 |

### MINUTES PER GOAL

|   |  |           |    |
|---|--|-----------|----|
| 1 |  | GRAY      | 44 |
| 2 |  | POLEON    | 64 |
| 3 |  | OBIKA     | 75 |
| 4 |  | ROSE      | 78 |
| 5 |  | ECCLESTON | 87 |

### % OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

|   |  |        |    |
|---|--|--------|----|
| 1 |  | RHODES | 56 |
| 2 |  | AUSTIN | 45 |
| 3 |  | MURRAY | 45 |
| 4 |  | INCE   | 44 |
| 5 |  | SAKO   | 35 |

### MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

|   |  |            |    |
|---|--|------------|----|
| 1 |  | PITMAN     | 12 |
| 2 |  | MCALINDEN  | 21 |
| 3 |  | WORDSWORTH | 45 |
| 4 |  | GREEN      | 54 |
| 5 |  | DOYLE      | 65 |

### FOULS

|   |  |         |    |
|---|--|---------|----|
| 1 |  | MURRAY  | 84 |
| 2 |  | JEDINAK | 80 |
| 3 |  | DAVIES  | 72 |
| 4 |  | N'DAW   | 71 |
| 5 |  | VAUGHAN | 70 |

### MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

|   |  |          |    |
|---|--|----------|----|
| 1 |  | BENNETT  | 15 |
| 2 |  | BONHAM   | 33 |
| 3 |  | GONZALEZ | 34 |
| 4 |  | GERKEN   | 39 |
| 5 |  | TAYLOR   | 42 |

\*The 2012-13 data used includes the play-offs



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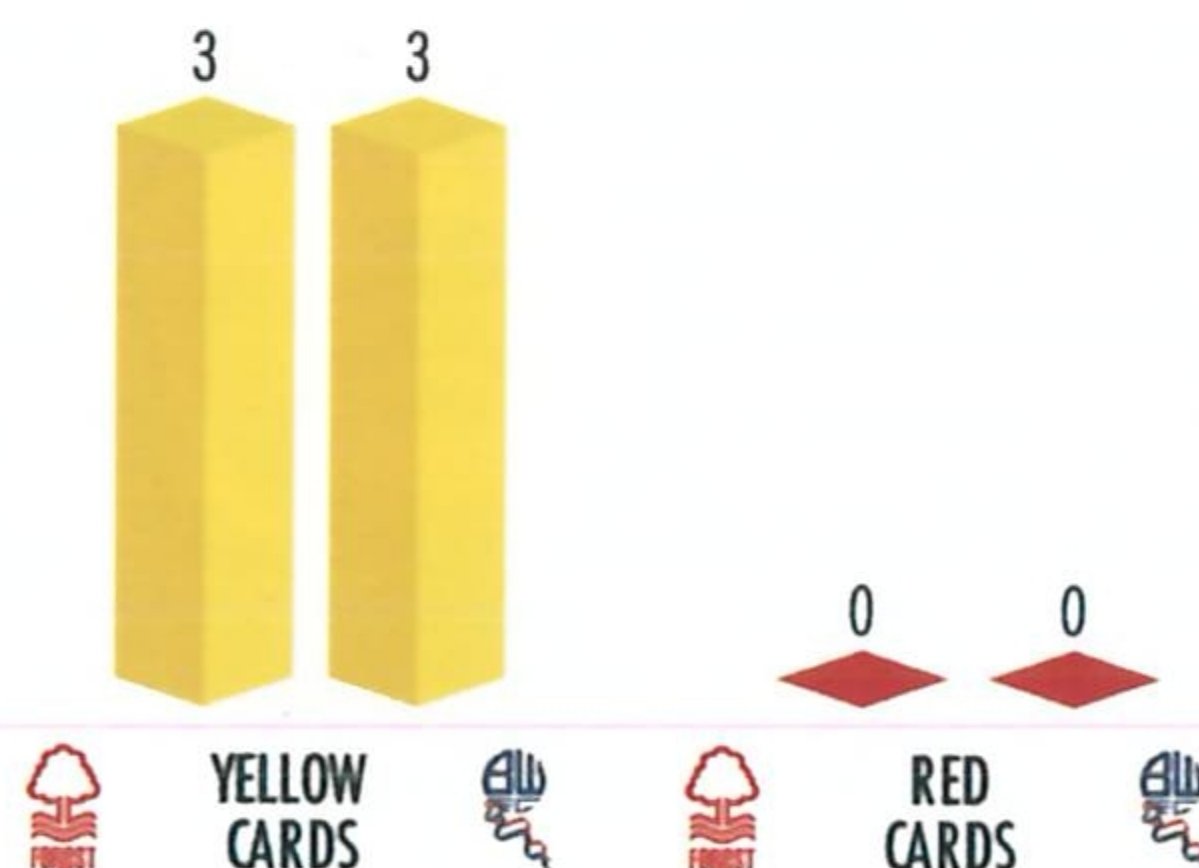
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**BOLTON WANDERERS**



## MATCH FACTS

Nottingham Forest have not beaten Bolton in their last seven meetings in league competition (D5 L2).



## MATCH FACTS

Bolton have scored at least once in their last 12 visits to Nottingham Forest in league competition.



**GOALS**



**AV. GOALS PER GAME**



**SHOTS (EX. BLOCKED)**



**% SHOTS ON TARGET**



**CLEAN SHEETS**



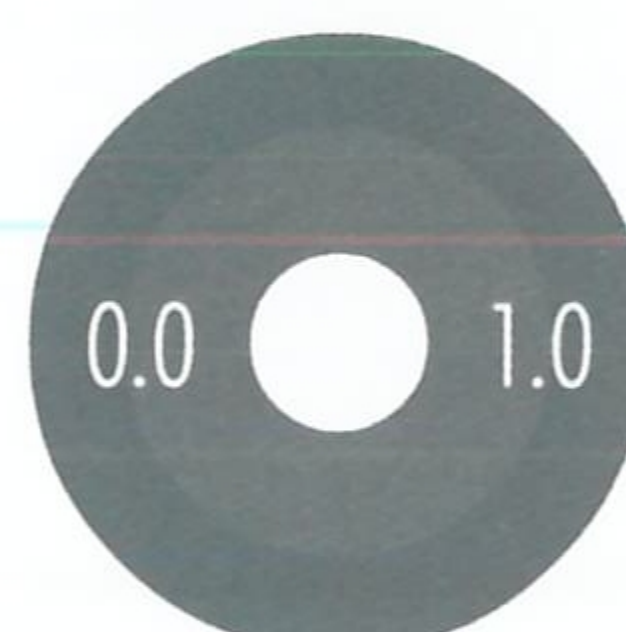
**% GOALS TO SHOTS**



**CORNER KICKS**



**GOALS CONCEDED**



**AV. GOALS CONCEDED PER GAME**



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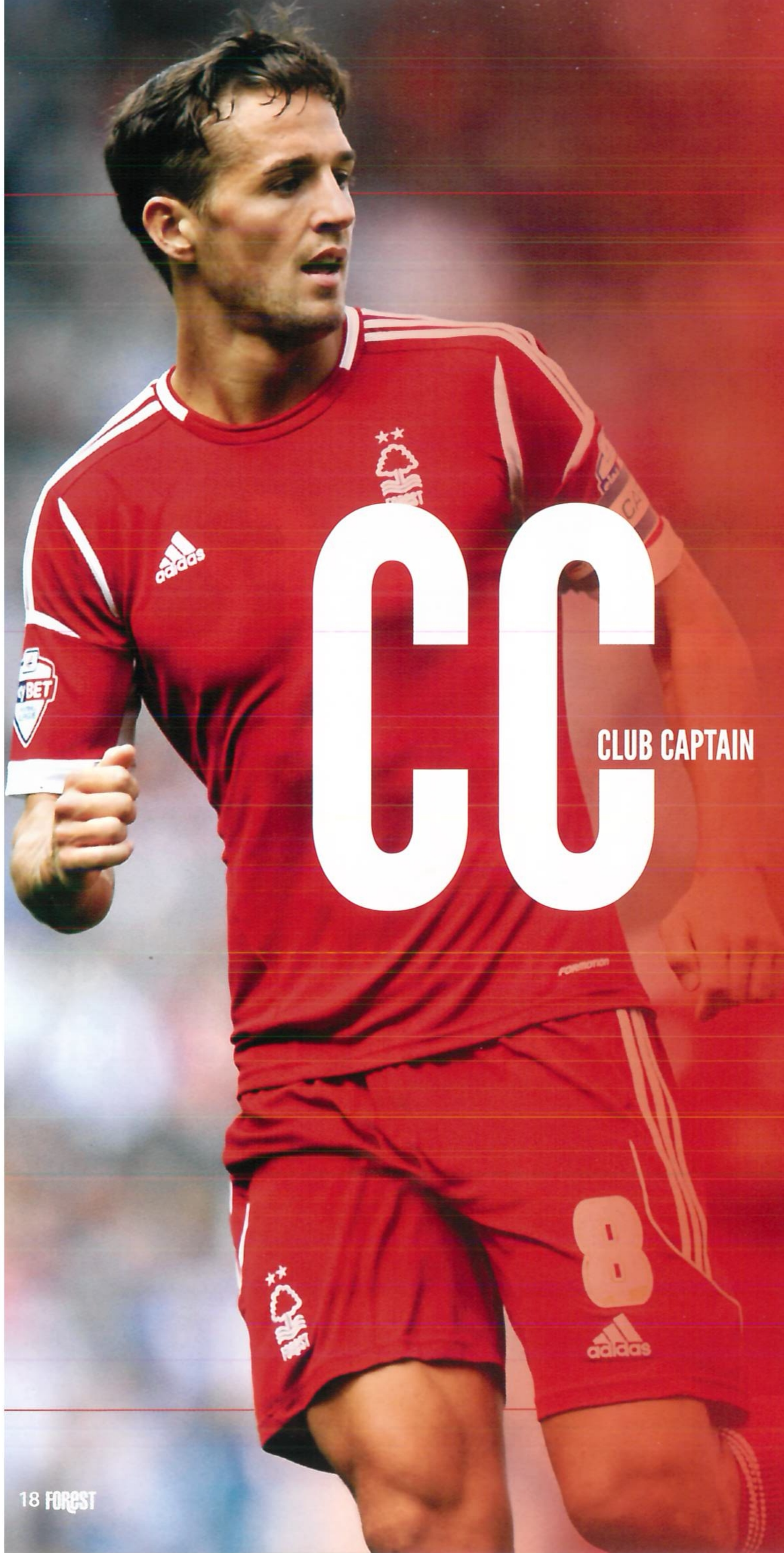
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Walking out at The City Ground for the first time as club captain against Huddersfield was a very proud moment for me – a lot of my family came to watch and it was a nice feeling, but the most important thing was that we got the three points and started the season well.

Huddersfield made it hard for us – they tried to hit us on the break and had a couple of opportunities, but overall we shaded it and got what we deserved for the amount of possession and attacking endeavour we showed. To win with a clean sheet stood us in good stead to achieve the two results which followed.

Against Hartlepool I think we showed the abundance of quality that we have in our squad. The manager made seven changes from the Huddersfield game and the lads who came in did really well. That's the great thing – I might have the nod over Dan Harding (right) at the moment but he's been training really well, he had a great pre-season and he showed his quality in the Hartlepool match. I know, as well as everyone in the team, that if I don't perform there will be players ready to take my place. That can only be good for the club as a whole.

I think our defensive display in last weekend's win at Blackburn was one of the best I've been involved with since joining the club. Everyone played a big part - I thought Hendo was a real handful up front on his own, the midfielders picked up their runners all afternoon and the back five were solid again. It was a really complete defensive performance and another good clean sheet.

The goal was a tremendously enjoyable moment – last minute winners don't come around too often so you have to make the most of them when they happen. But as a team we have to stay grounded – we're only two league games in to the season. If we had lost our first two we wouldn't have been panicking about relegation so we know that, just because we've started well, it doesn't mean we're going up.

We have to stay humble and keep treating the next match as the most important one of the season - this afternoon is no exception.







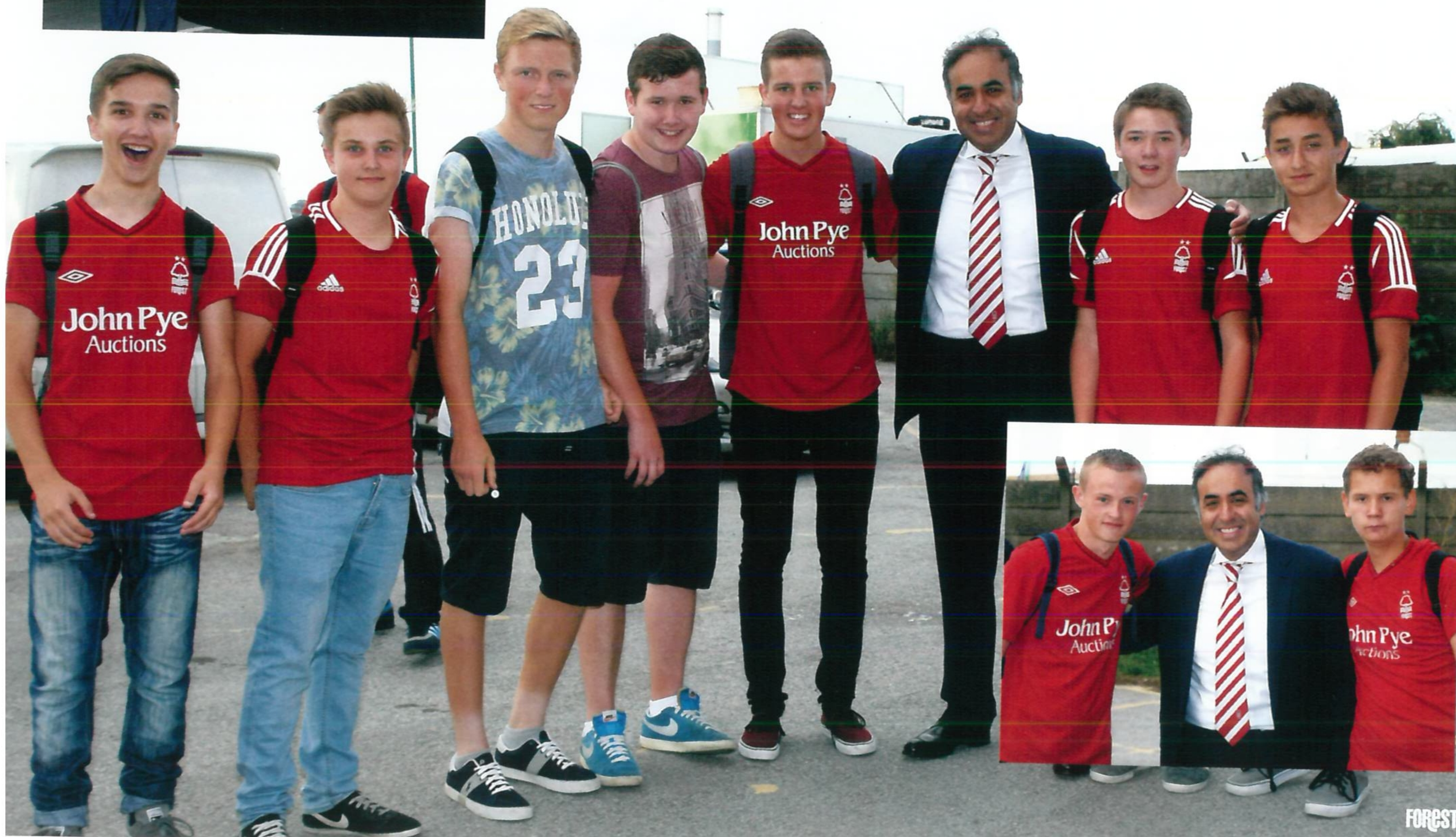
# OPENING SHOTS

**Our chairman was a man very much in demand on the season's opening day**

Our chairman and owner Fawaz Al Hasawi had a busier afternoon than he probably envisaged when he arrived at The City Ground for our opening day match against Huddersfield Town.

On his pre-match travels around the ground he came across a group of young fans playing football and stopped to chat with them about the season ahead, before heading into our newly-refurbished Executive Suite to familiarise himself with The Brian Clough Box – his and his family's vantage point for the 2013-14 campaign.

In understandably high-demand, he took the time to pose for more photographs and, at the end of a long and successful day, he still had time to give us a glimpse of his personal number plate.





# TRENT UNI TO TRENT END

Nottingham Trent University students  
cast their eyes over the recent goings  
on in the Championship

While swotting up on today's visitors in preparation for this piece, it became hard to ignore the striking number of similarities that exist between us and The Trotters.

For starters, both sets of supporters have endured their fair share of ups and downs in recent seasons.

The transitional period which followed the arrival of new owners and the inconsistent performances under Sean O'Driscoll and Alex McLeish left many questioning the direction Forest were heading.

During this same period a similar feeling of unease surrounded The Reebok.

By the time the Al Hasawi family had taken charge here at The City Ground, Bolton were busy preparing for life in the Championship after an emotional and ultimately unsuccessful season in the Premier League.

It was a campaign which will be remembered for the distressing scenes broadcast around the world of Fabrice Muamba suffering a heart attack during an FA Cup tie at Tottenham Hotspur.

A run of 11 consecutive seasons of top-flight football was brought to a cruel halt after Wanderers' former player Jonathan Walters scored a brace against them on the last day of the season to send them down.

Although the overwhelming feeling which greeted the final whistle on that day was one of disappointment, there can be little doubt that there was also a sense of relief that a nightmare of a season had finally drawn to a close.

If Bolton fans were expecting an immediate return to the Premier League, however, they were sadly mistaken.

# Nottingham

## Newton & Arkwright



A dreadful run of results at the start of the season, which saw The Trotters lose seven in ten matches, injected a sharp jolt of reality into their fans who had begun to experience the notoriously difficult nature of the Championship at first hand.

It was this poor run of form which led to the sacking of Owen Coyle after only three months of the campaign.

The Bolton board turned to our former striker Dougie Freedman to take over at the helm and, following a successful January transfer window, their fortunes started to turn.

Both Wanderers and Forest finished the season with a flurry and became embroiled in fierce competition for the remaining playoff places, which ultimately ended in disappointment for both.

Many have tipped Forest and Bolton to go close again this season and both sides look to have filled their squads with talent and experience.

The Trotters moved quickly to acquire the names they believe will help them make the jump back into the Premier League, with the transfer of proven goalscorer Jermaine Beckford creating the most headlines.

Despite the season only having started two weeks ago, a victory at this early stage would act as a definite signal of intent and would give the winners not only three points over a potential promotion rival, but also a clear psychological edge between these evenly matched sides.

Prediction: A tight contest, but Forest will edge it 2-1.

**by Alex Thorp**

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## AUGUST ARRIVALS

**by Laura Hartley**

August has proved to be a busy month for Championship clubs – on and off the field.

The strength of relegated Queens Park Rangers was briefly questioned after they lost Adel Taarabt and Loic Remy to Fulham and Newcastle respectively, but with the arrivals of Richard Dunne, Charlie Austin and Karl Henry to name just three, Redknapp looks likely to head into September in good shape, despite the loss of Jamie Mackie.

Having been relegated last season from the Championship, Bristol City have sold Albert Abdomah to Middlesbrough for £1million, and Tony Mowbray hopes to add more signings, while Wigan boss Owen Coyle has continued his busy summer in the transfer market, supplementing new boys Grant Holt and Marc-Antoine Fortune with highly-rated Republic of Ireland winger James McClean from Sunderland for £2million.

New boys Bournemouth have pulled off quite a coup by signing Andrew Surman from Norwich and down south Charlton have raised a few eyebrows by securing Simon Church and Marvin Sordell, two young strikers with the ability to fire them to the playoffs.

Finally, Blackburn look to have some solidity back at the club and their signings suggest success, with DJ Campbell and Matt Kilgallon the most impressive.





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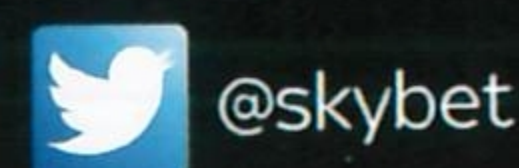
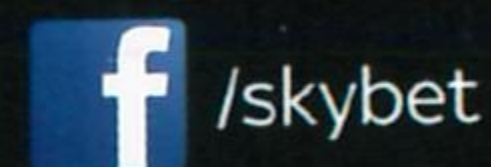
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# SEEING DOUBLE



**His winning goal against Huddersfield on opening day got our season off to the best possible start, and Henri Lansbury is looking to reach double figures this season.**

"We're really pleased with the start we've had," he says.

"The whole squad is together and we're still learning from each other because it is still so early in the season.

"There's a great bunch of lads here, we've had a few new signings over the summer who have settled in really well and we're all looking forward to the season ahead."

The summer has ushered in eight new signings so far, and Lansbury is of the belief that the fresh impetus has helped reinvigorate the existing squad.

"New signings can freshen things up at a football club and they really have brought something new to the table," he says.

"They obviously excite the fans because they're new, but the players also benefit because we're training and playing with better players this season.

"Take Jamie Mackie for example, he is a fantastic player and from speaking to him you realise what a great asset he is to the club. He has a lot of experience to offer the team."

Lansbury has experienced promotion to the Premier League with both Norwich City and West Ham United, and he admits it takes a mixture of substance and style for a team to reach the top flight.

"You've got to be very consistent in this division if you want to get promoted," he explains. "I think keeping clean sheets is also going to be key for us because we know we've got players all over the park that can score goals.

"The lads at the back have gelled now and obviously we've added Kelvin Wilson to the side, which can only make us stronger. It was a shame for Danny Collins after he helped to keep a clean sheet in the first game but Kelvin is going to be a massively important player for us."

Lansbury endured an injury-hit pre-season last time around, but with a full summer's work under his belt this season the 22 year old insists he is in better shape than ever.

"It has been brilliant to have a full pre-season behind me this year," he admits. "Pre-season is a major factor which helps you start the season well and, touch wood, I haven't had any niggles or problems yet.

"To get in the box and score goals is what I'm all about and it was an amazing feeling to score the winner against Huddersfield, but the important thing is that the team got three points and we got the season off to the best possible start."



Lansbury played all 90 minutes in last Saturday's 1-0 win at Blackburn Rovers, and the ex-Arsenal man says that squad morale is high after such a terrific away victory.

"We've ground out two wins in the league so far but Blackburn is a really hard place to go and get a result, so we were delighted with that," he says. "I thought we played really well there and it just shows if you battle right until the end you can get what you deserve.

"There's no better feeling than scoring in stoppage time and I think you could see through the celebrations that the players, staff and supporters are all together and that is a great feeling.

"It will be a tough game today, as every game is in the Championship, but we back ourselves at home against any opposition. We know Bolton can cause us problems but we're only aiming for the three points."

As far as personal ambitions go, the midfielder is aiming to become a mainstay in the starting line-up and help fire us to promotion.

And he believes that the current squad has all the makings of a special side.

"I'd like to get into double figures in terms of goals and also help the team to win promotion to the Premier League," he reveals.

"The squad we have at the moment is more than capable of getting to the top of this league and hopefully that's where we're heading."

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**“The boys went unbeaten in pre-season and that’s a lot like sparring ahead of a fight – it’s not a real contest but you do feel good afterwards.**

# IN THE RED CORNER

**CARL  
‘THE COBRA’  
FROCH**

My first column for the Forest programme – and it’s great to kick this off on the back of three wins! It’s always nice to have a good cup run but it’s the two league wins – with clean sheets – that has got us fans really excited about the season ahead, and I think it’s all down to the hard work the players put in during pre-season.

There are a lot of similarities between a footballer’s pre-season and the cycle of a boxer’s training. Those first few sessions are hell as you put your body to the test for the first time in a while. Everyone is different of course, I stay in great shape between fights so it doesn’t take me long to get back into the groove.

The boys went unbeaten in pre-season and that’s a lot like sparring ahead of a fight – it’s not a real contest but you do feel good afterwards. It gives you confidence knowing things are coming together in time for the main event, so I was pleased to see the lads perform so well during that period.

Today’s game is the first of three on the trot against sides used to plying their trade in the Premier League, so we’ll get a good idea of where we are at – sport is all about levels, as George Groves will find out when we fight later this year!

I should have more news on that fight soon – but it’s one I’m very excited about. I’ve boxed the best of the super middleweight division all over the world in the last few years, but this is my first fight with a fellow Brit since beating Robin Reid in 2007, and I think it’s the biggest domestic bout of the year. George is a good young fighter, but I think I’m levels above him and I’ll show that when we box in style.

There’s plenty of time between now and that fight though and I’ll be coming down to lots of games at The City Ground in the meantime.

‘Til next time – up The Reds!





# WELL RED

*Richard Harrison continues his series in which he reviews the books that have provided a literary backdrop to our magnificent history – from 1865 through to the modern day.*



## Forest 'Til I Die

THE VOICES OF NOTTINGHAM FOREST SUPPORTERS

# Forest 'Til I Die - The Voices of Nottingham Forest Supporters

by Legends Publishing

### About the author

This book was published in 2010 by Legends Publishing in partnership with the National Literacy Trust and backed by Forest's Study Support Centre. Some of the proceeds funded initiatives such as the provision of free books for local schoolchildren. The amateur writers are united by their love of Forest and all have a story to share about what following The Reds means to them.

While the contents are by no means aimed specifically at younger readers, the book clearly serves a dual purpose of encouraging literacy and promoting the region's leading professional football club. Indeed, if any reader's first introduction to Forest were to be through this book it's hard to imagine they wouldn't be persuaded to find out more about the club that inspired the stories in it. It's an eye-catching production, with a variety of text and background colours, and lavishly

illustrated with photos of the contributors and memorabilia such as programme covers and trade cards.

There's a foreword from passionate Forest supporter Lee Westwood, who hopes we won't have to wait too long for a second volume, then several dozen articles in which fans remember their first or most memorable match, the time they met a club legend, the extraordinary lengths they went to in order to see a particularly important game, and so on.



As you'd expect, there are a number of European Cup Final stories, none perhaps quite as memorable as that of the present-day leading light of the Supporters Club who was serving in the Navy at the time and jumped ship, then hitch-hiked for three days, to get to Munich. That year's semi-final against Cologne is also fondly remembered, while the sensational FA Cup quarter-final against Everton twelve years before (Ian Storey-Moore's heart-stopping hat-trick goal and all) features more than once.

As well as the successes we also get tales of playoff defeats, disorder and disaster on the terraces, not to mention a first-hand account of delivering a dressing-room dressing-down to the team from one of the fans Gary Megson invited to address the players after a particularly dismal thrashing at Yeovil.

There's the tale of five fans who were undeterred when the Football League's fixture compilers mischievously gave Forest away trips to Bristol and Carlisle on consecutive days over Easter in 1974. Their trusty Cortina took them on a 600-mile round trip, only for them to see us lose twice.

Sadly the book's title was particularly true for one fan's 82-year-old grandad, who suffered a fatal heart attack during a match. Another fan followed the 1995-96 UEFA Cup run from a hospital bed while being treated for cancer. But it's fitting that tales of the difficult times in life take their place alongside the joyous ones; these, as the blurb tells us, are 'real football stories told by real football fans'.

Few, if any, of the authors write for a living, but their experiences are fluently related with passion, affection and wit. Not many of us football supporters choose our team - by chance or design it's usually chosen for us - but for all of us it's a life-long attachment and this is a diverse and entertaining run through the ups and downs of some of those fortunate enough to support our club.

Many of you will have the same or similar memories and you may well know one or two of the contributors. With any luck, the coming years will provide even more source material for the 'Til I Die project and, who knows, Westwood might get to see your memories in a follow-up volume.

Sometimes just one small detail is recalled, such as Stuart Pearce's fist-pumping pre-match ritual in front of The Trent End to psyche (Psycho?) himself and the fans up. Talking of Pearce, a former County player recalls taking him to task for being one-footed and challenging him to a shoot-out - six penalties each with their 'wrong' foot. To his credit, Pearce went along with this - only to lose 5-2!

As befits a club with one of the most varied - if not always the most successful - histories in club football, not all of the stories come from the successful years of the second half of the 20th century. Indeed, the childhood reminiscences of a 1930s schoolboy make up the longest feature in the book.

One story leads to another and you could easily spend a happy, nostalgic afternoon reading the whole book in one go. We read about a nervous young man making a marriage proposal during a stadium tour, Viv Anderson's dad Audley still regularly visiting The City Ground with the Senior Reds and Jimmy Greaves smoking a cigarette in a pre-match warm-up.

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# MY TOUGHEST TEST

Simon Gillett  
reveals his  
most difficult  
opponent

## RYAN GIGGS MANCHESTER UNITED

"He played in central midfield against me when I was at Southampton and he was unbelievable, I couldn't get anywhere near him. We had ten men which made it more difficult but he has just got exceptional vision and, despite being nearly 40, he still has a lot of pace. He is always a few steps ahead of everyone and he'll keep playing for as long as he likes."



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# STAN AND DELIVER

Leigh Edwards looks back 20 years at how we clinched promotion to the Premiership



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## FOREST 5

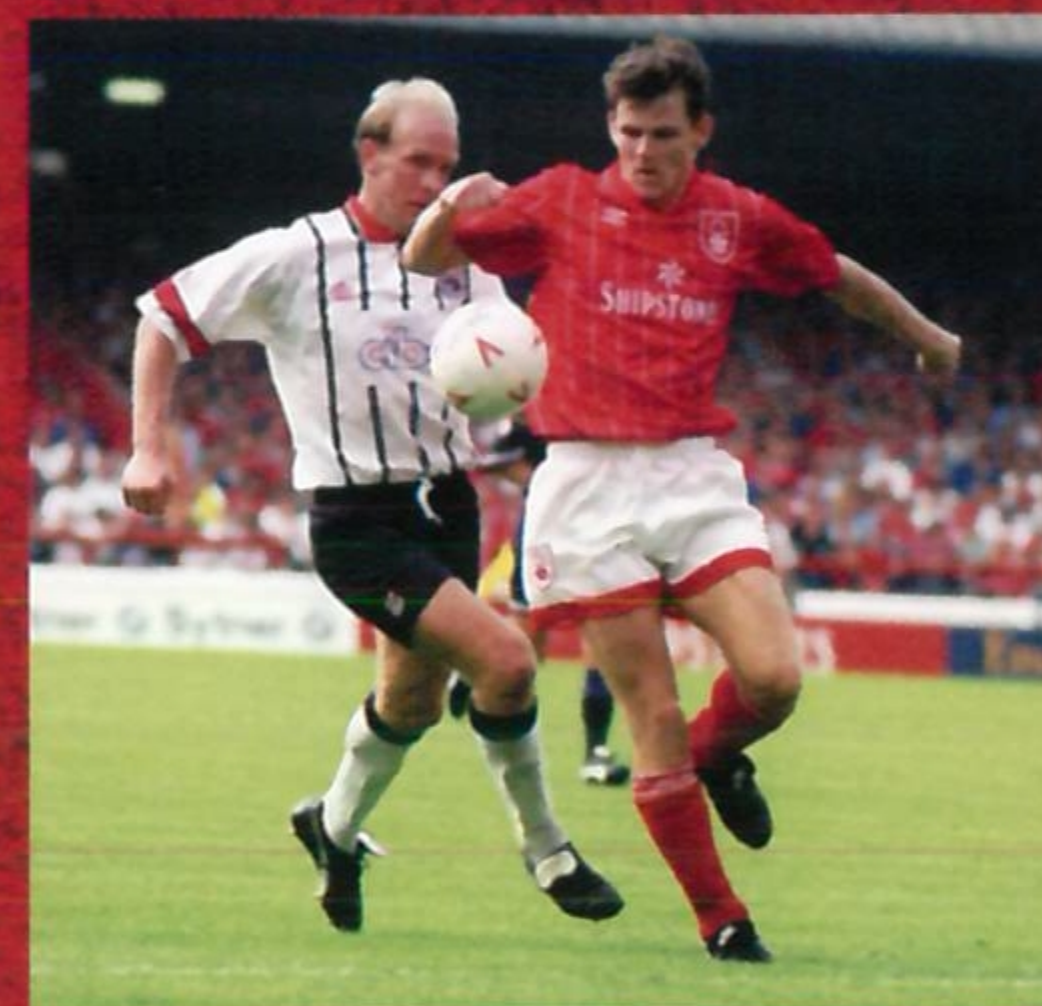
*Black, Futcher og, Glover, Woan, Rosario*

## GRIMSBY TOWN 3

*Mendonca 2, Dobbin*

We secured our first victory of the season as we sunk The Mariners at The City Ground. Managed by Frank Clark, we forced five early corners and Neil Webb had an effort ruled offside. We took the lead with Kingsley Black's 13th-minute shot, doubled by Paul Futcher's own goal five minutes later. Clive Mendonca reduced the deficit on the stroke of half-time.

Webb struck the post before Lee Glover's 57th-minute goal, then Jim Dobbin scored Grimsby's second five minutes later. Ian Woan immediately restored Forest's two-goal lead but Mendonca netted again as The Mariners refused to lie down. Robert Rosario headed home our fifth goal in the 77th minute.



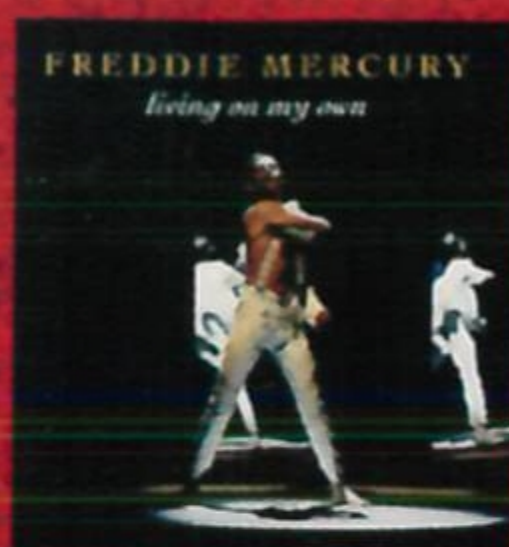
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Attendance: 23,225



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## CRYSTAL PALACE 2

Young, Gordon

## FOREST 0

We suffered our first defeat of the season at Selhurst Park. Eric Young (below) gave Palace the lead on 17 minutes, heading Bobby Bowry's corner past Mark Crossley. We failed to find any kind of rhythm and Simon Rodger, Chris Armstrong and Richard Shaw all wasted chances to increase Palace's advantage. Record signing Stan Collymore was substituted at half-time after an ineffective display against his former club. Palace ended any hopes of us claiming a point with a second goal in the 67th minute. Steve Chettle fouled Shaw in a central position 25 yards from goal and substitute Dean Gordon's free-kick went through the wall and under the diving Crossley.



**PALACE:** Nigel Martyn, John Humphrey, Chris Coleman, Gareth Southgate, Eric Young, Andy Thorn (Dean Gordon), Richard Shaw, Bobby Bowry, Chris Armstrong, Paul Williams, Simon Rodger.

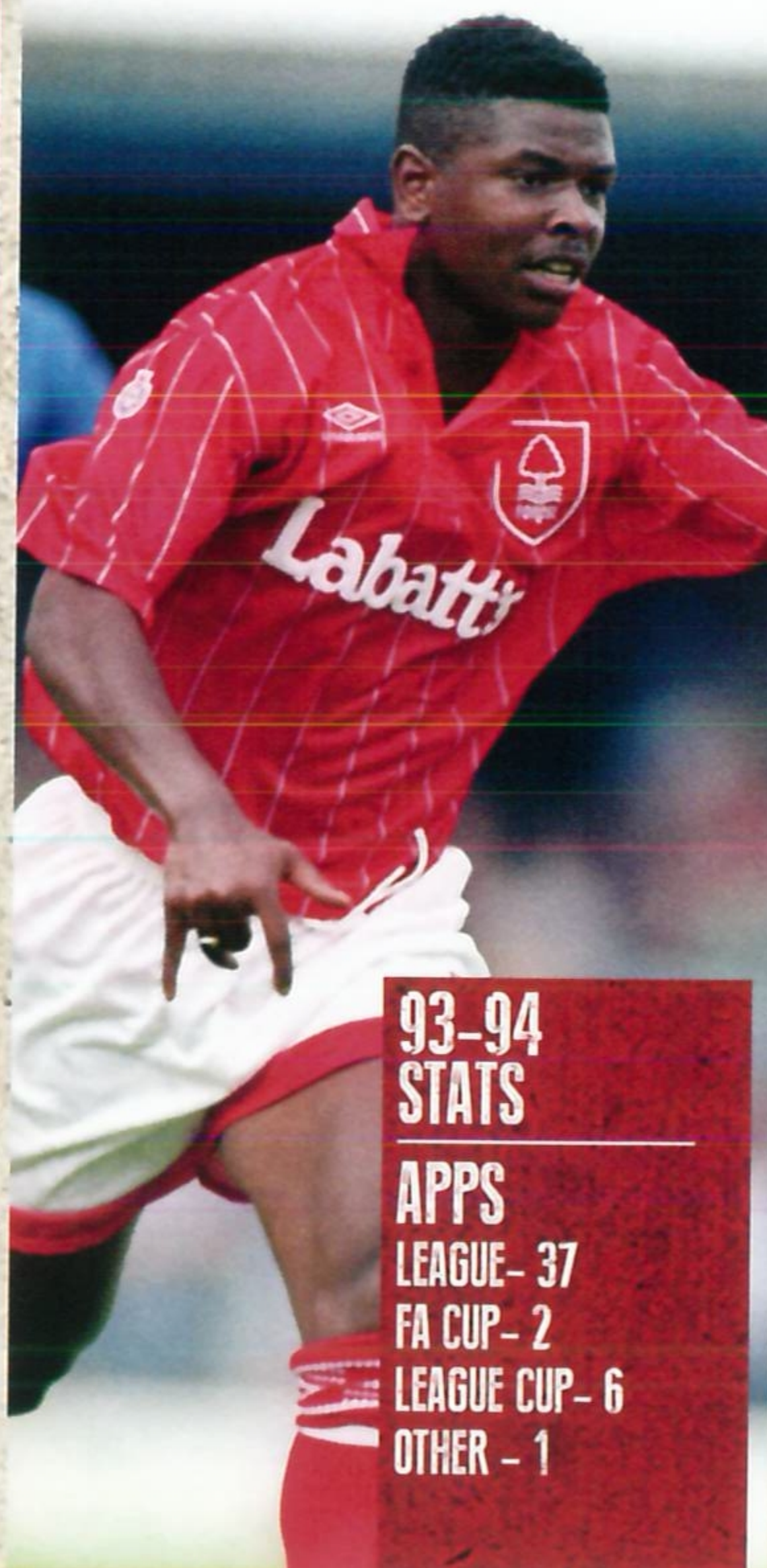
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Attendance: 15,048

## 93-94 PLAYER BY PLAYER

### 2 DES LYTTLE

Attacking right back Des Lyttle featured prominently as we regained top-flight status at the first attempt in 1993-94. A former Leicester City trainee, he moved via Worcester City to Swansea City in July 1992 and was ever-present in 1992-93. He joined us for £375,000 in July 1993 and helped us finish third in the Premier League in 1994-95 before winning the First Division title in 1997-98. Playing alongside Stuart Pearce, he scored three goals in 185 league games before joining Watford in July 1999, then West Brom, Northampton, Forest Green Rovers and Worcester again. He later managed Tamworth and Hucknall Town before later becoming coach at York City.



### 93-94 STATS

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LEAGUE - 37  
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OTHER - 1

## ALSO MAKING HEADLINES...

### RUEL RULES THE DAY



Two goals by Ruel Fox (above) plus others from Chris Sutton and Jeremy Goss gave Norwich City a 4-0 victory at Leeds United.

Tony Cottee's hat-trick plus a goal from John Ebbrell gave Everton a 4-2 win at home to Sheffield United.

Steve McManaman scored twice as Liverpool won 5-0 at newly-promoted Swindon Town.

### OUR VISITORS IN 1993-94

John McGinlay (below) netted 25 goals as Bolton Wanderers ended 14th in the First Division. Bruce Rioch's newly-promoted side won just four of their opening 15 games before soaring with an 11-match unbeaten run. Wanderers beat Everton, Arsenal and Aston Villa in the FA Cup en route to a sixth-round defeat by Oldham.





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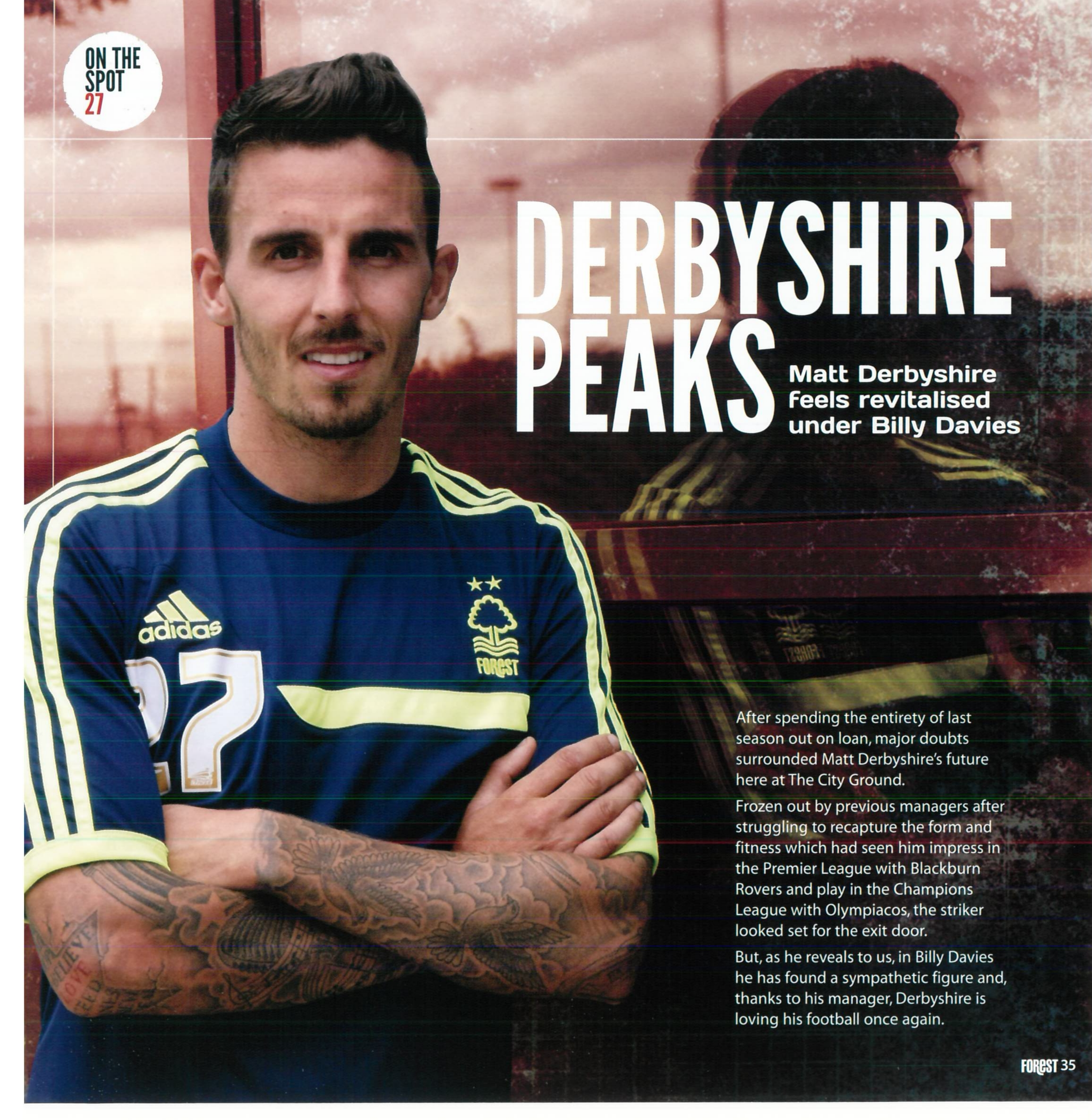
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ON THE  
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# DERBYSHIRE PEAKS

**Matt Derbyshire  
feels revitalised  
under Billy Davies**

After spending the entirety of last season out on loan, major doubts surrounded Matt Derbyshire's future here at The City Ground.

Frozen out by previous managers after struggling to recapture the form and fitness which had seen him impress in the Premier League with Blackburn Rovers and play in the Champions League with Olympiacos, the striker looked set for the exit door.

But, as he reveals to us, in Billy Davies he has found a sympathetic figure and, thanks to his manager, Derbyshire is loving his football once again.



**Matt, you'll be the first to admit that the last couple of seasons haven't been easy for you...**

There's nothing worse than going to a club and failing – that's the biggest fear for any footballer. For two seasons I have failed, and I don't mind admitting that. But I don't want to be a failure and I don't want to disappoint anymore.

**What was going through your mind as pre-season approached?**

I thought I was leaving the club. There are a number of good strikers here and, the way the two previous seasons had gone, I thought I wouldn't be needed. A lot of that was down to confidence.

**If that's what you thought, was it not difficult to motivate yourself for pre-season?**

Everything I did in pre-season was to get myself right. I've never whinged, I've never moaned – I might enjoy having a good bit of banter around the club but I would never spit my dummy out or throw the towel in.

Now I feel revitalised. I've come back into the team, I went to Portugal, I've played a few games and I generally feel part of the squad. It feels good – I've got my love for the game back.

**At what point in the summer did you realise you still had a future with us?**

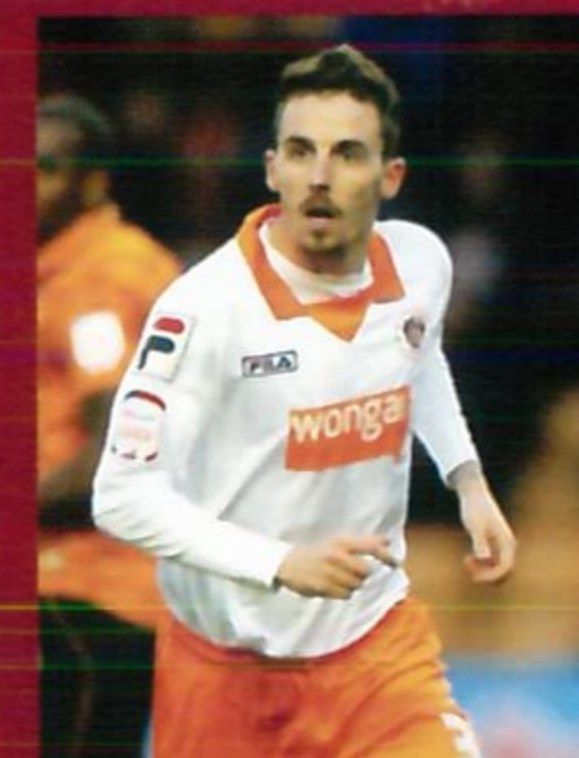
After the Hibs game in Portugal. I'd come on and done quite well – I had a chat with the manager and told him I really wanted to stay and show him and the fans exactly what I can do.

**You said earlier that you have got your love for the game back – what made you lose it in the first place?**

I had gotten fed up with a number of things. When I came back from Olympiacos I didn't feel like myself for some reason. I didn't start off well here – I got myself fit, but then got injured. Then Steve McLaren went and was replaced by Steve Cotterill.

I fell out with Cotterill for reasons unbeknown to me, and the following summer I came back ready to work only for the manager not to be interested one bit. That was a blow. It felt like one thing after the other – I needed to catch a break.

I went away to Oldham last season and really enjoyed my football, then I went to Blackpool thinking it was a fantastic move, particularly with it being close to home for me. The assistant manager Steve Thompson had told me he was going to be in control until the end of the season, but Paul Ince came in and that corroded my chances again.



**Do you regret going to Olympiacos?**

Going from playing in Greece to playing back here in England was a massive change, but I'll never regret going to play Champions League football, why would anyone?

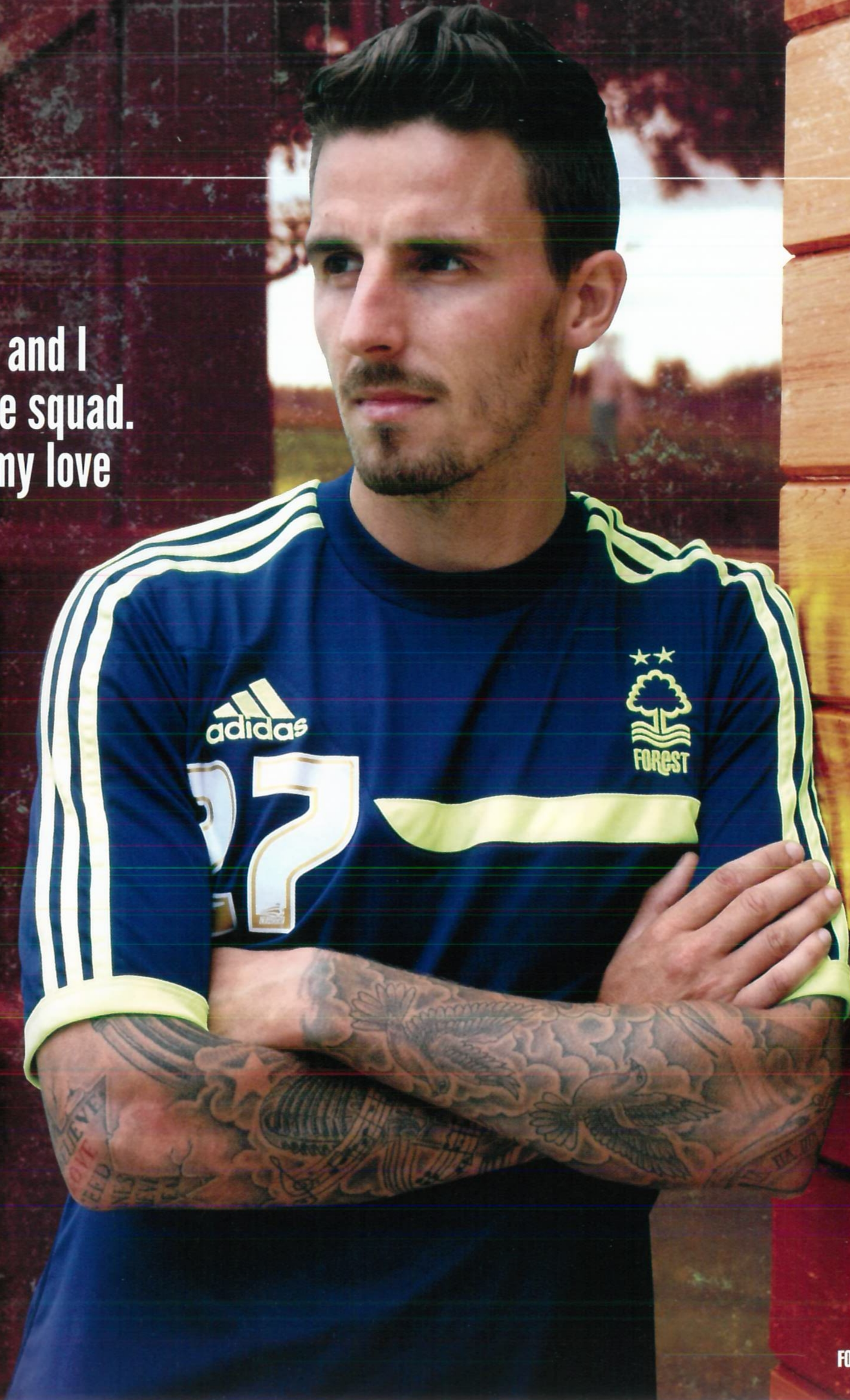
The fact of the matter is I wasn't allowed to leave Blackburn for another English club. Everything happens for a reason – I loved my time at Olympiacos, I won trophies there, I played in Europe, my family enjoyed it, it was a real learning curve in my career and I don't regret it one bit.





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I've played a few games and I generally feel part of the squad. It feels good – I've got my love for the game back.





# 27 MATT DERBYSHIRE









ON THE  
SPOT  
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**Do you feel like your career has stabilised now?**

Yeah, I do. I look forward to coming into training every day and learning. I'm only 27 and, since I left Blackburn, I don't feel like I have been progressing as a player. Now the gaffer and his staff have come in and they want to improve us all – they take it upon themselves to do that. Obviously as a player you have to demand things from yourself, but it helps when other people want to assist you in your development as well.

**It's fair to say you're enjoying life under Billy Davies, then?**

Yes and I think the whole team feels the same. We all really believe that this club is going places.

Every single ball that comes to you – you don't want to lose it, you don't want to give it away, you don't want to miss the target because you know for a fact that the gaffer will give you a rollicking for it on the Monday morning. That isn't a bad thing, it's to help us get better. For me that's just giving us a push, and that's what every player needs.

There's a different side to him as well. The way he puts his arm around you and really believes in you – you can't buy that. He's always telling someone how much they're valued and how much they're worth to the club.

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**You have obviously shown great determination to revive your career with us - do you feel under pressure to keep it up?**

I'll always put pressure on myself and there'll always be expectation at a big club like this because you need to produce. This club is looking to go up to the Premier League so there's not just pressure on me, the whole team have to rise to it.

**Speaking of the Premier League - do you think we can get there this season?**

I was looking around the dressing room before kick-off at Blackburn and thought 'we have a great team here'. On our day, under this manager and with this group of players I believe we can beat anybody.







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**I want to start matches, score goals and show the fans that I really, really want to be a part of this club for many years to come.**

### **What would represent a good season for you personally?**

First and foremost I want to play a lot more games than I have done in recent seasons. I want to start matches, score goals and show the fans that I really, really want to be a part of this club for many years to come.

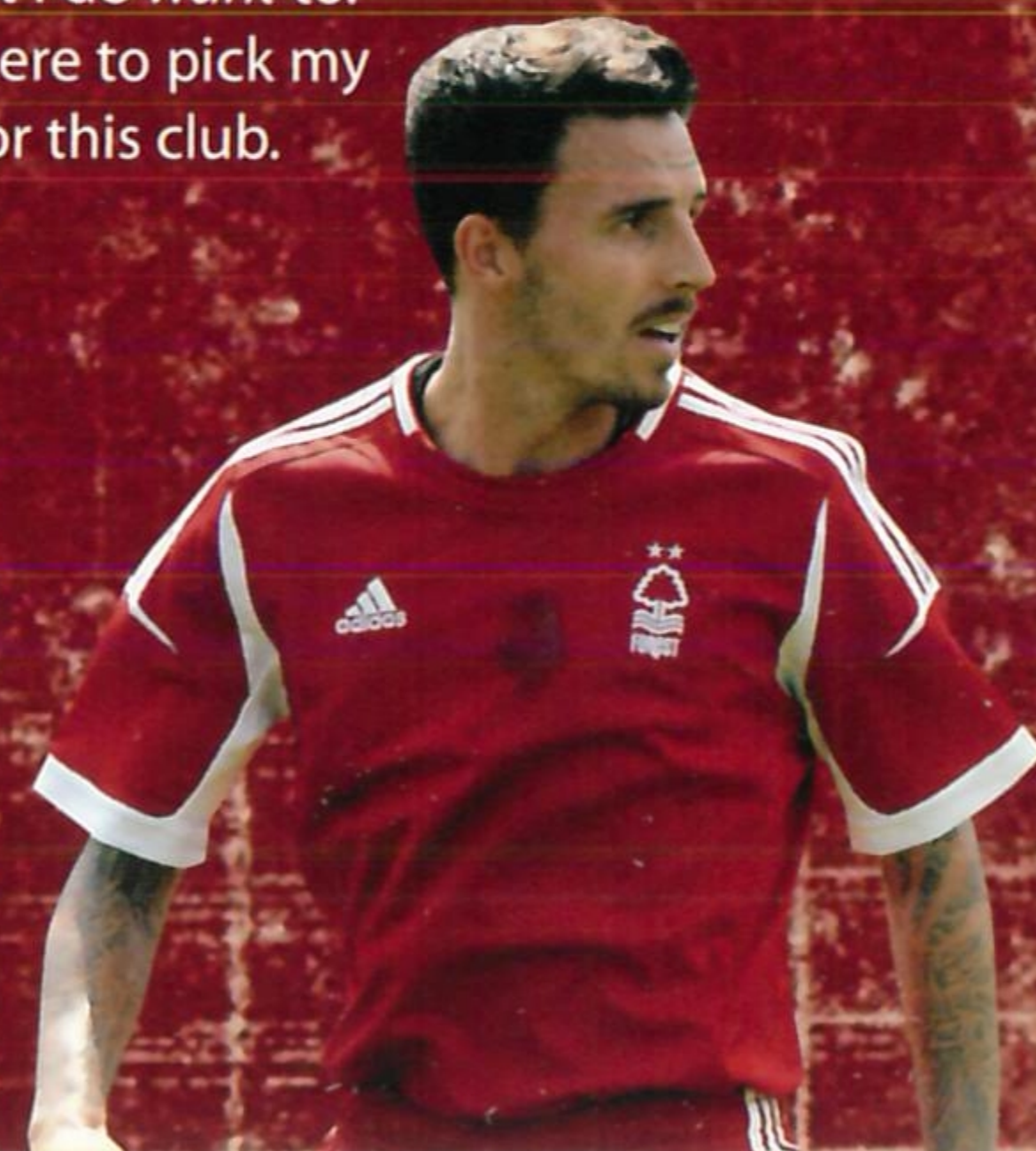
From the supporters' perspective I can understand some of their opinions on me. But when I ask myself 'did I get enough chances to go out and show what I could do?' – no I didn't. 'Am I getting a fair crack of the whip now?' – yes I am. 'Do I want to go out there and prove people wrong?' – yes I do. That's what's driving me every single day in training.

### **Do you genuinely feel like you have something to prove to the supporters?**

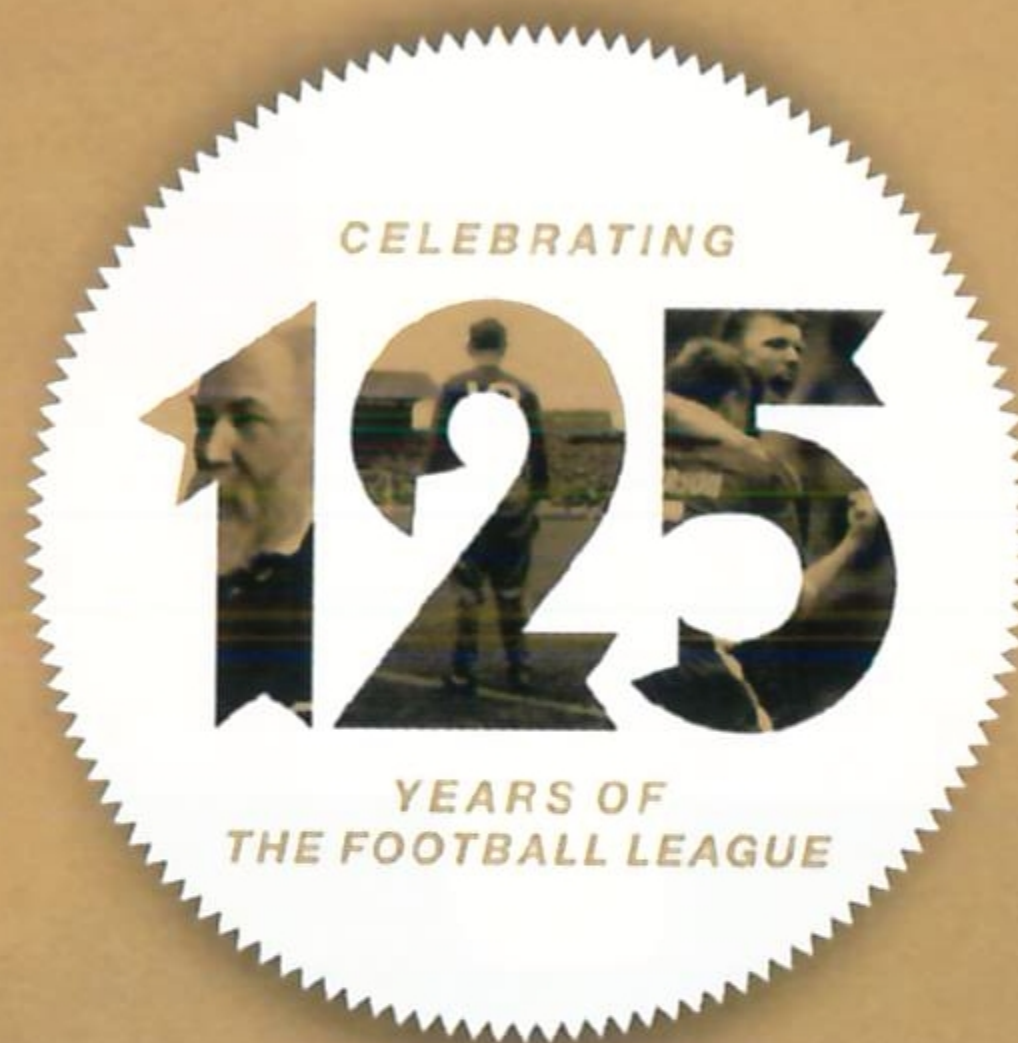
I do, yeah, because as a striker I failed in my first two seasons here. This is the first time I feel fully-fit in three pre-seasons. It hasn't all been my fault - you can do everything you want during the close-season, and I do work hard during those months, but you can't help getting injured. And when you do come back fit you can't help it if a manager's opinion restricts your opportunities.

### **I suppose many players would look back on the career you've had and be content, but you seem to have a genuine desire to be successful again...**

I think it's because I haven't managed to replicate the performances from earlier in my career during my time here with Forest. I don't *have* to prove anything, but I do *want* to. I want to show that I'm not just here to pick my money up, I want to win things for this club.







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Subs not used: Bennett, Gerrard, Carroll, Norwood

Lynch 65'

Our chairman and owner Fawaz Al Hasawi watched on as we recorded a 1-0 opening day win over Huddersfield Town.

Henri Lansbury scored the all-important goal in the second half after benefitting from a fantastic run from new club captain Chris Cohen.

The Terriers had been resolute at the back for most of the game and came close once or twice themselves as James Vaughan showed glimpses of the potential he displayed as an up-and-coming striker at Everton.

But a strong defensive display, to which new signings Jack Hobbs and Eric Lichaj contributed considerably, saw us comfortably over the line.



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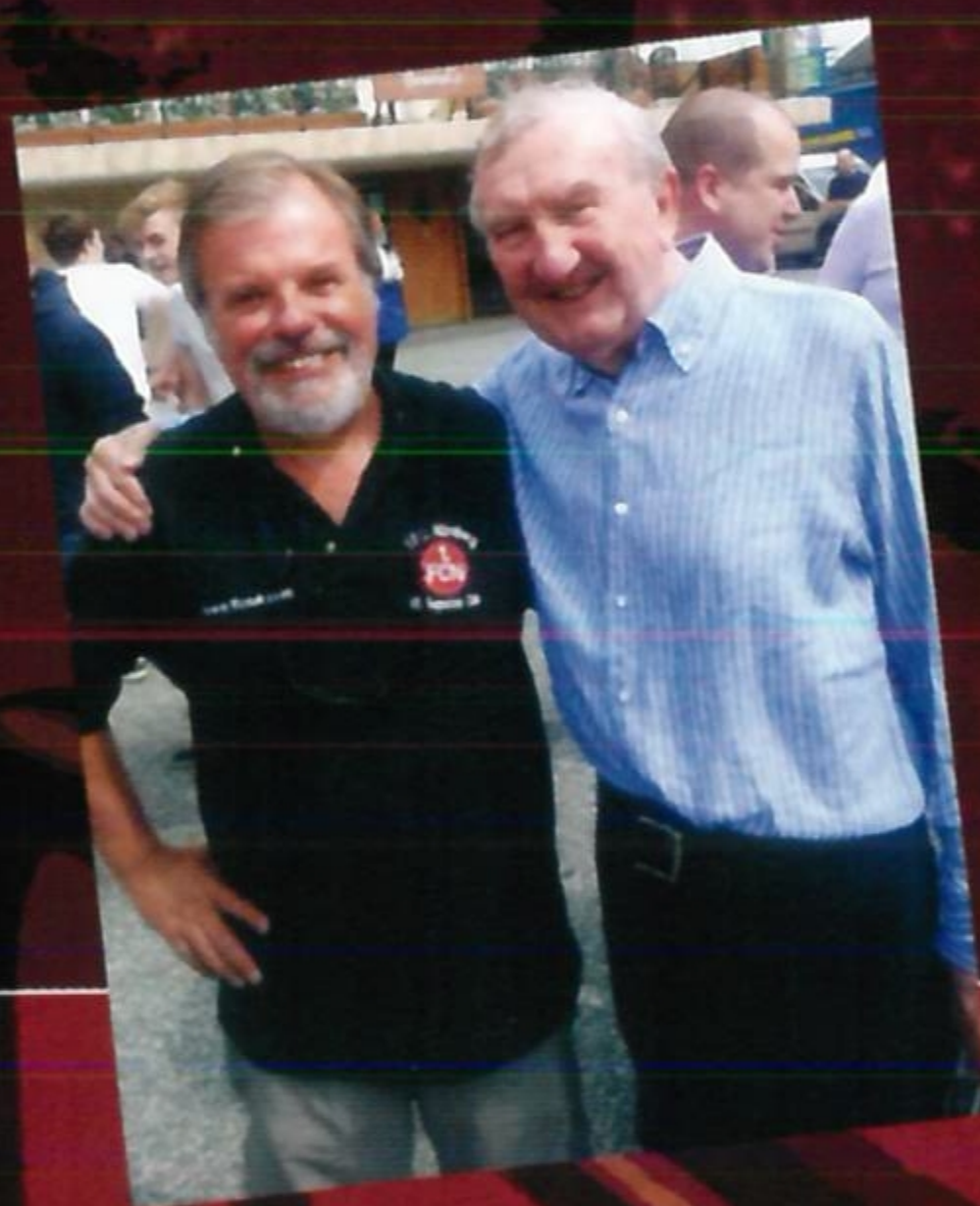
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# FROM WHERE I'M SITTING

*From his seat in The Trent End, club historian Don Wright casts his eye on football then and now*



When we and Leicester were competing for a playoff place at the end of last season, I reported that the top German football magazine 'Kicker' had featured Forest in a special edition highlighting the world's 40 most famous clubs. There you are, I wrote, we are still famous.

Forest had 'Kicker' editor in chief Jorg Jakob's best wishes for the game but The Foxes ended our Premiership hopes, although they, too, remain in this season's Championship after being losing semi-finalists.

Then, at the end of May, we saw the thrilling, if erratic, all-German European Cup Final at Wembley. Bayern Munich defeated gallant Borussia Dortmund to register their fifth European Cup triumph. Alongside ecstatic match reports, both the Daily Telegraph and World Soccer listed the top dozen European champions and there we were again rubbing shoulders with Real Madrid, AC Milan, Internazionale, Barcelona, Liverpool and Manchester United.

World Soccer headlined its report: 'The future's bright... the future's Bavarian.'

Munich and Dortmund are leading Bundesliga clubs but what about the rest? We decided to see for ourselves. The opportunity arose on the last Saturday of July when 1.FC Nurnberg came over to play Leeds United in a pre-season friendly.

Our second cousin, Jon, is a keen follower of Nuremburg (English spelling) as well as Port Vale. His father-in-law, Herbert (left), is a Nurnberger and a life-long fan. Jon led the way in forming a British-based 1. FC Nurnberg fan club and has written a book 'For Better or For Wurst' about the delights of German football, beer and sausages. Bratwurst is the Nurnberg speciality, small finger-sized sausages served on bread.



Formed in 1900 by 18 young men who frequented a city pub, Nurnberg dominated early German football and between 1918 and early 1922 went 104 matches unbeaten. A founder member of the Bundesliga in 1963, five years later the club became the first reigning champions to be relegated. They have been a mid-table outfit in recent history but are still known throughout the country as Der Club (The Club) in recognition of its early triumphs.

The Bavarian city was, of course, the venue for the infamous rallies of Hitler's Nazi party during the 1930s. Now, Jon tells me, its 14th century castle, cobbled streets and timber-framed buildings make it a tourist destination that lives up to its guide book title: 'So schön ist Nürnberg' (So beautiful is Nuremburg).

There is a lovely story about the strong friendship formed by the fans of Nurnberg and Schalke. The Fanfreundschaft came about, it is said, because of two lovers. A group of Nuremburg fans, so the story goes, were escorting a local girl on her way to meet her boyfriend, a Schalke supporter. He was waiting for her with his mates, who wanted to make sure the Nurnburgers didn't give him any trouble for seeing one of their young women.

The two groups were not far apart when fans from a third club set upon them and they joined together to see off the attackers. Thus love not only blossomed between the young couple but a beautiful kinship developed between the two sets of supporters. Now at matches between the two clubs the fans sit and stand together. It is party time inside and outside the ground.

This was 'Romeo and Juliet' with a happy ending. It could have inspired a Shakespearean comedy. And the RSC might have adapted it for a Stratford musical.

A week before our trip to Leeds, newspapers reported the death, aged 89, of Bert Trautmann, a former German paratrooper who famously helped Manchester City to win the FA Cup after playing on with a broken neck.

I was at Wembley that day in 1956 watching from the terrace behind the goal when the injury occurred. Trautmann (newly voted Footballer of the Year) rushed out with his customary courage to dive at the feet of Birmingham's Peter Murphy. He succeeded in clutching the ball but his head came into contact with the forward's leg.

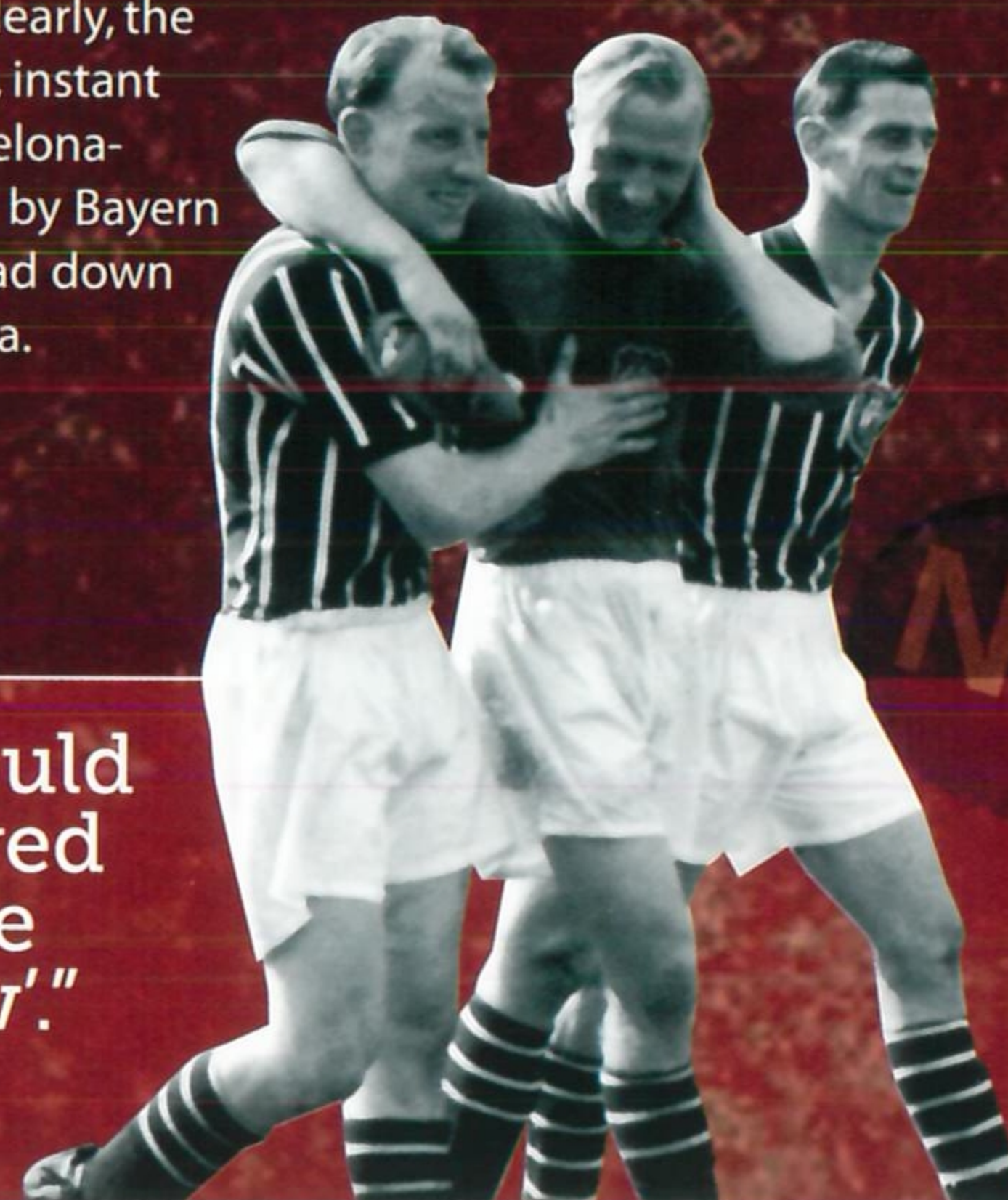
The goalkeeper was left dazed and reeling but could not be persuaded to leave the field. As he played on, for all the while rubbing his 'stiff neck,' the crowd broke into 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow'. Manchester City, with Don Revie (later to manage Leeds and England) a visionary playmaker, were 3-1 winners.

When Trautmann retired in 1964, having made 545 appearances, 47,000 fans turned out for his testimonial match. Bobby Charlton, Denis Law, Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney were among the players who took part.

In Leeds we had a drink and a bite at The Tap, a bistro pub near the train station, and then set off on the 40-minute walk to Elland Road. Outside the visitors' turnstiles at the West Stand we joined up with hundreds of fans who had travelled from Germany. There were hugs and handshakes. Jon is a popular guy with the German fans, who brought our match tickets over so that we could be with them.

Poor Leeds never got into the game. Nurnberg scored in the third minute and again in the 70th for a comfortable 2-0 win. But for the efforts of veteran goalkeeper Paddy Kenny, the post and referee Andy Haines ignoring a nailed-down penalty call, the margin would have been wider. Clearly, the short-passing, instant pressing Barcelona-style adopted by Bayern has now spread down the Bundesliga.

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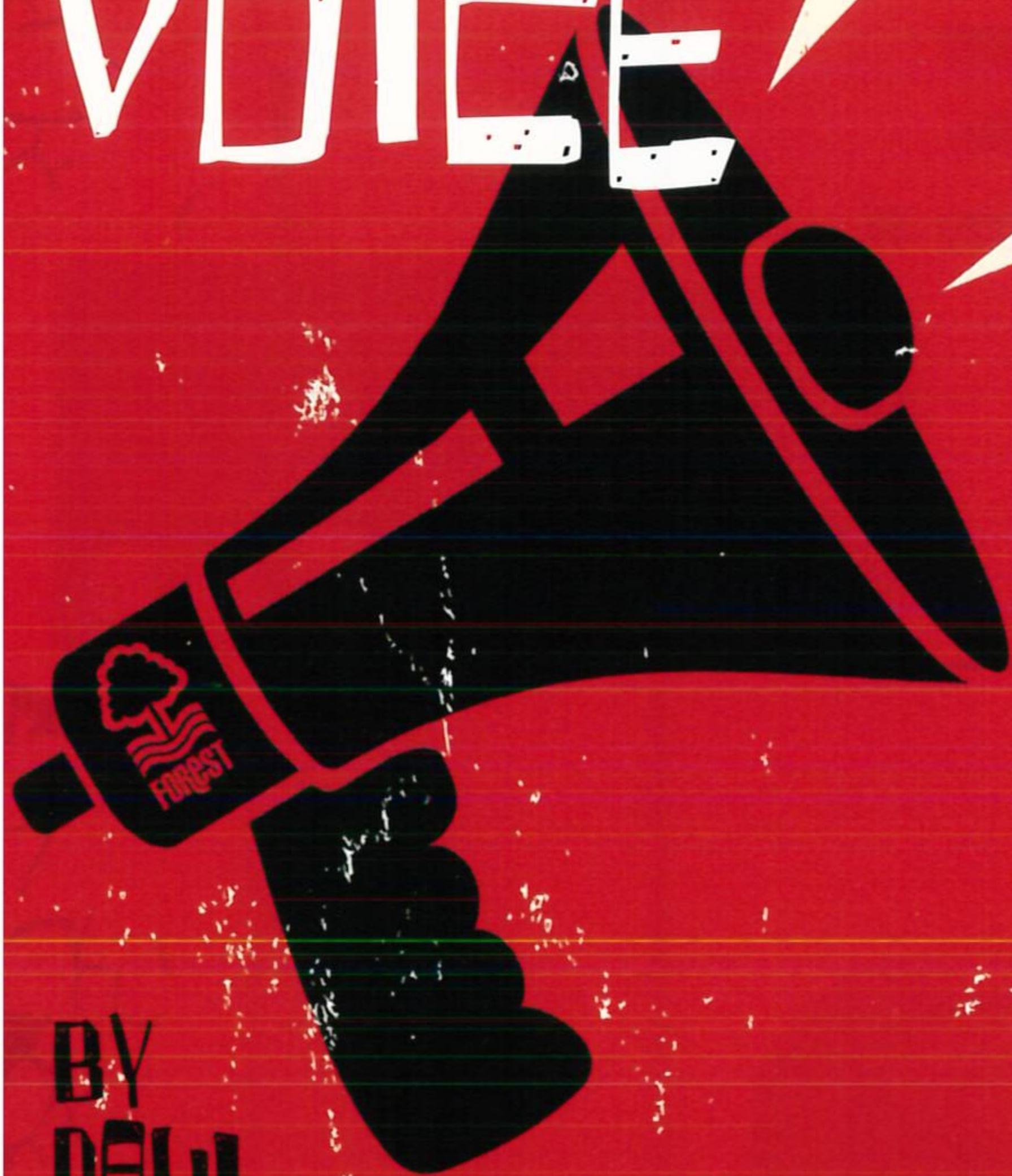
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# THE RED VOICE



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PAUL  
BATTISON

## A STRIKING QUESTION

There's a certain type of player many Forest fans have been crying out for this summer. A unique breed of footballer who last graced the slick turf of The City Ground a whole decade ago. Many have come and gone since, but not one has reached the glorious heights of Forest's deadly strike force of the 2002-03 season.

Step forward David Johnson and Marlon Harewood – Forest's last '20-goal per season' strikers.

Since the finale of that season we have sunk to the dark, murky waters of League One and surfed the crest of promotion back to the Premier League only to lose out in the playoffs. Yet through all the ups and downs the dream remains the same - to one day return to the promised land of the Premier League.

To achieve this dream, some of the Forest faithful feel we are in desperate need of a new Johnson or Harewood. A new 20-goal a season striker who will spearhead our push for promotion. Countless names have been conjured up over the summer that could fit the bill, especially on the merry-go-round of information that is Twitter. Strikers Gary Hooper, Danny Graham and Charlie Austin have all been linked with moves to the red side of the Trent.

The question remains however, do we really need them?



@PaulBattison



As prolific as the partnership between Johnson and Harewood was, where not one, but both players smashed the 20-goal barrier in the same season, it should be noted it still wasn't quite enough. Forest came close—Matthieu Louis-Jean was agonisingly near to converting a cross and taking the playoff semi-final with Sheffield United to penalties, but it just wasn't to be. Many years of playoff heartbreak thereafter were written into the stars on that fateful spring evening at Bramall Lane.

Fast-forward four years to League One and we briefly managed to find an antidote to the playoff curse by getting promoted automatically—all without a 20-goal striker. The enigmatic Junior Agogo was our main man up front that season, firing 13 goals in a team built on steely defensive foundations.

In fact in the last three seasons, out of the nine teams who have gained promotion to the Premier League, only three have had the luxury of a 20-goal front man.

Glenn Murray plundered 30 goals for Crystal Palace last season and Rickie Lambert bagged 27 in Southampton's

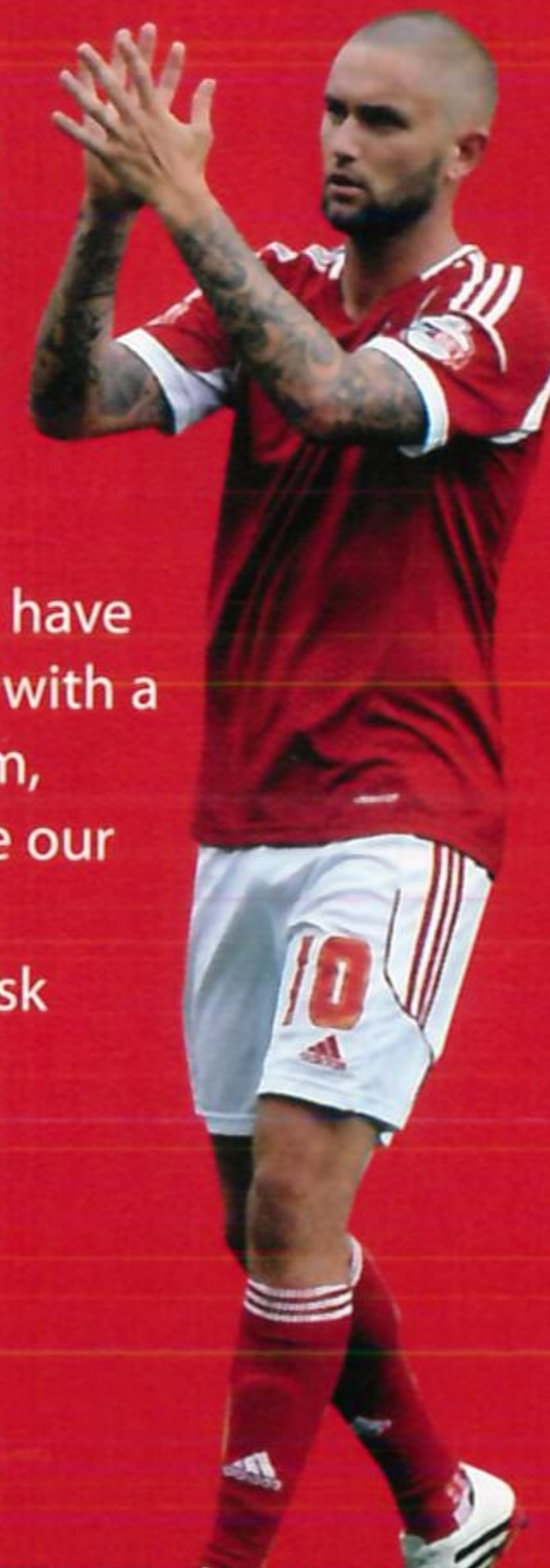
promotion assault the year before. Grant Holt, one of a handful of strikers who frustratingly under-achieved for Forest before going on to score dozens at other clubs, struck 21 league goals in Norwich's 2010-11 Championship campaign.

The rest of the clubs who gained promotion all did so without a 20-goal marksman leading the line. Cardiff City—who sealed promotion to the top flight last season with a handful of games to spare—did so without a single player even notching double figures on the goal-scoring charts.

All of the above statistics point to the fact that it's by no means a necessity to have a 20-goal striker to grasp promotion to the top flight. Throw into the mix that Billy Davies has assembled one of the strongest, most attack-minded squads seen at the City Ground for a number of years, and all the foundations are laid for a successful season without the need of a 20-goal hotshot.

With no fewer than seven proven strikers in our ranks, we are certainly not short of options up front. Davies could well be the

envy of many of his peers due to the abundance of striking talent at his disposal. Add to that our attacking midfielders like Radi Majewski, Henri Lansbury (below) and the newly-acquired Jamie Paterson and Djamel Abdoun, and there's every chance that it could be raining goals from all areas of our line-up this season. A 20-goal striker would no doubt aid our promotion ambitions but with such a strong, balanced squad at our disposal, it isn't vital we have one. Furthermore, even with a 20-goal man in the team, it still doesn't guarantee our promotion back to the Premier League—just ask Johnson or Harewood.



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# ROBIN'S ROUND-UP



WITH  
MAID  
MARIAN



## BIRTHDAYS

I would like to wish James Browning, Charlie McLaughlin, Harry Pearson and Charlie Taylor-Braddow a very happy birthday.

My belated birthday wishes go to Ellis Wood, Mitchell Bone, Ryan Walters and Bethany Cross.

I would also like to wish Cali Reynolds, Aidan Wilson and Harry Wood very happy birthdays for tomorrow.

I hope you all had – and have – fantastic birthdays and enjoy today's game here at The City Ground. Let's hope for another three points – you Reds!

## HELLO REDS,

Hello Reds! Welcome to today's game against Bolton Wanderers here at The City Ground. Billy Davies will be looking to continue his unbeaten home record with another three points today so make sure you give the boys plenty of support by cheering as loud as you can.



## INTRODUCING TODAY'S MASCOTS

Welcome to today's Nottingham Forest mascot, Bobby Gregorich. I would also like to give a warm welcome to today's away mascot, Callum Farrington.

Bobby is from Grantham and goes to St. Sebastian's Primary School. He enjoys playing football and watching us - he even wants to play for The Reds when he's older. His favourite Forest players are Radi Majewski and Eric Lichaj, and he thinks we'll win 4-1 today.

Callum is from Lowercroft in Bury and goes to St. Gabriel's High School. He enjoys playing football and currently plays for Bury's Academy. Away from football, Callum enjoys playing table tennis and eating pizza. Callum's favourite player is Medo Kamara and he thinks Bolton will win 2-1 today.



BOBBY



CALLUM

## ROBIN

Here's a photo of Noah Flint, who is a Little John's Junior. This is him on holiday in Florida with his fantastic retro Forest shirt from his Uncle David. I hope you enjoyed your holiday, Noah.

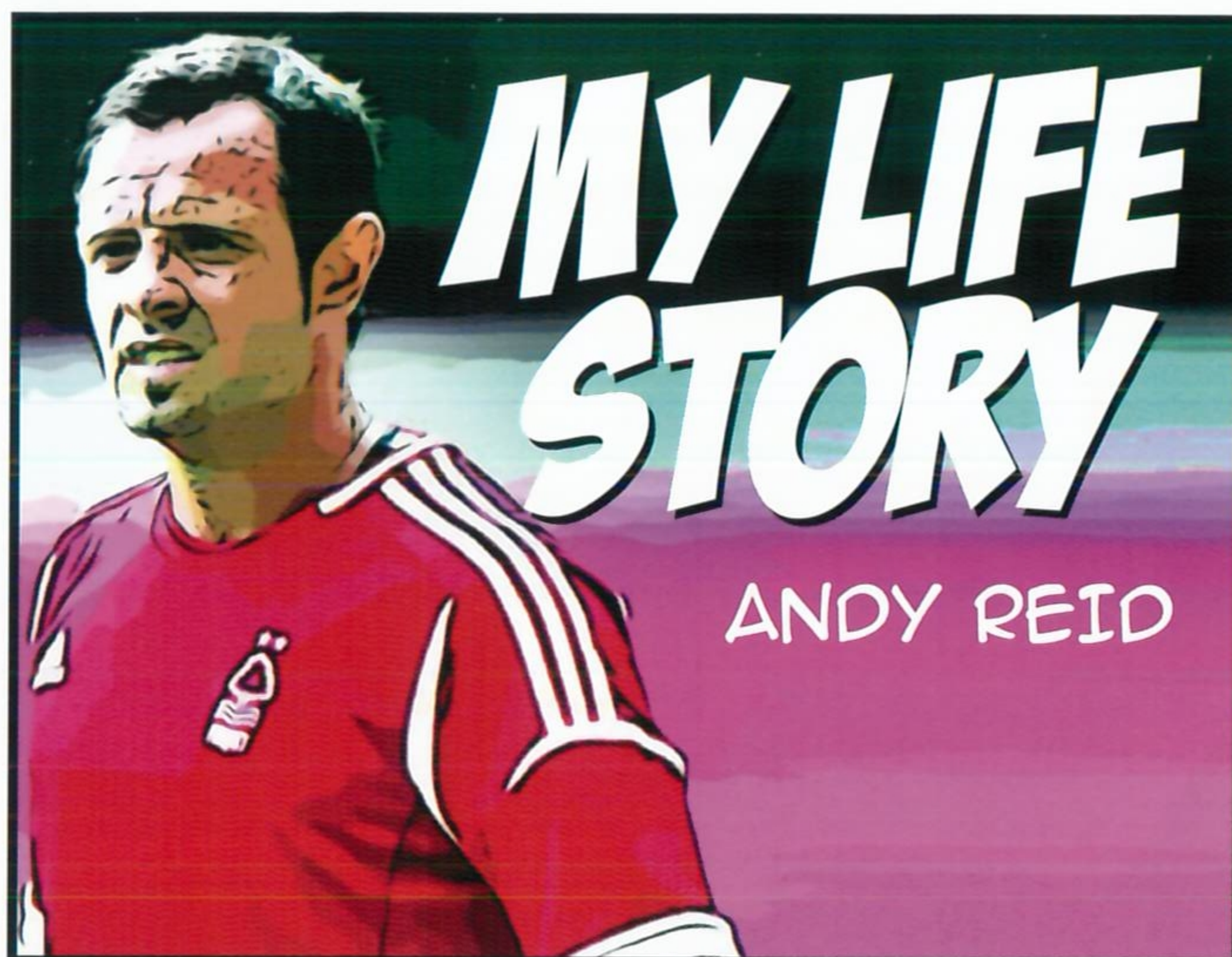


## FUN FACT



Bolton-born boxer Amir Khan is an avid Trotters fan.





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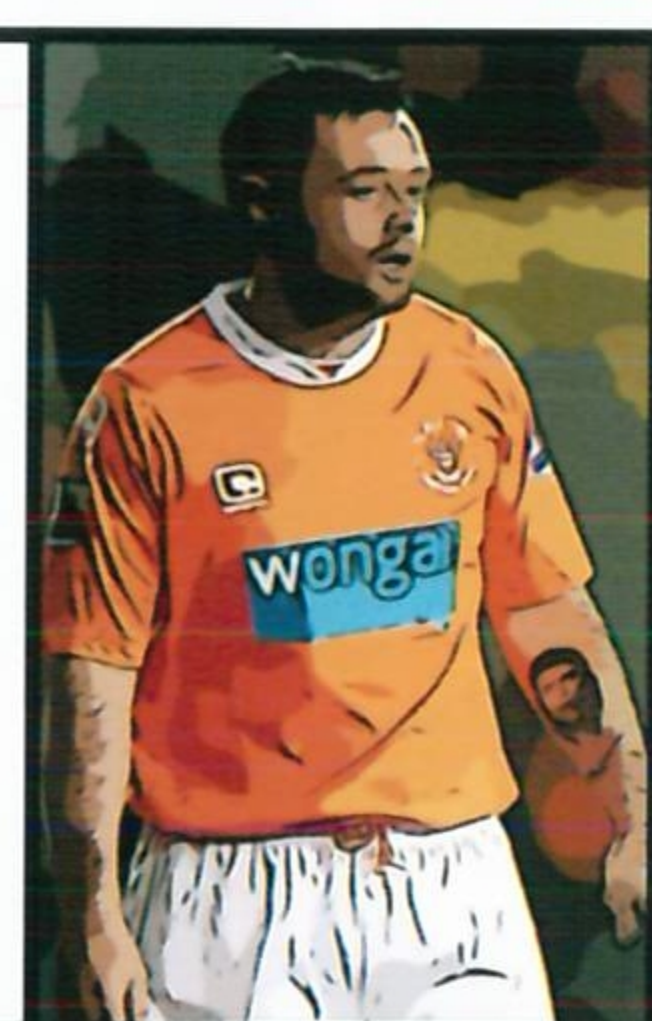


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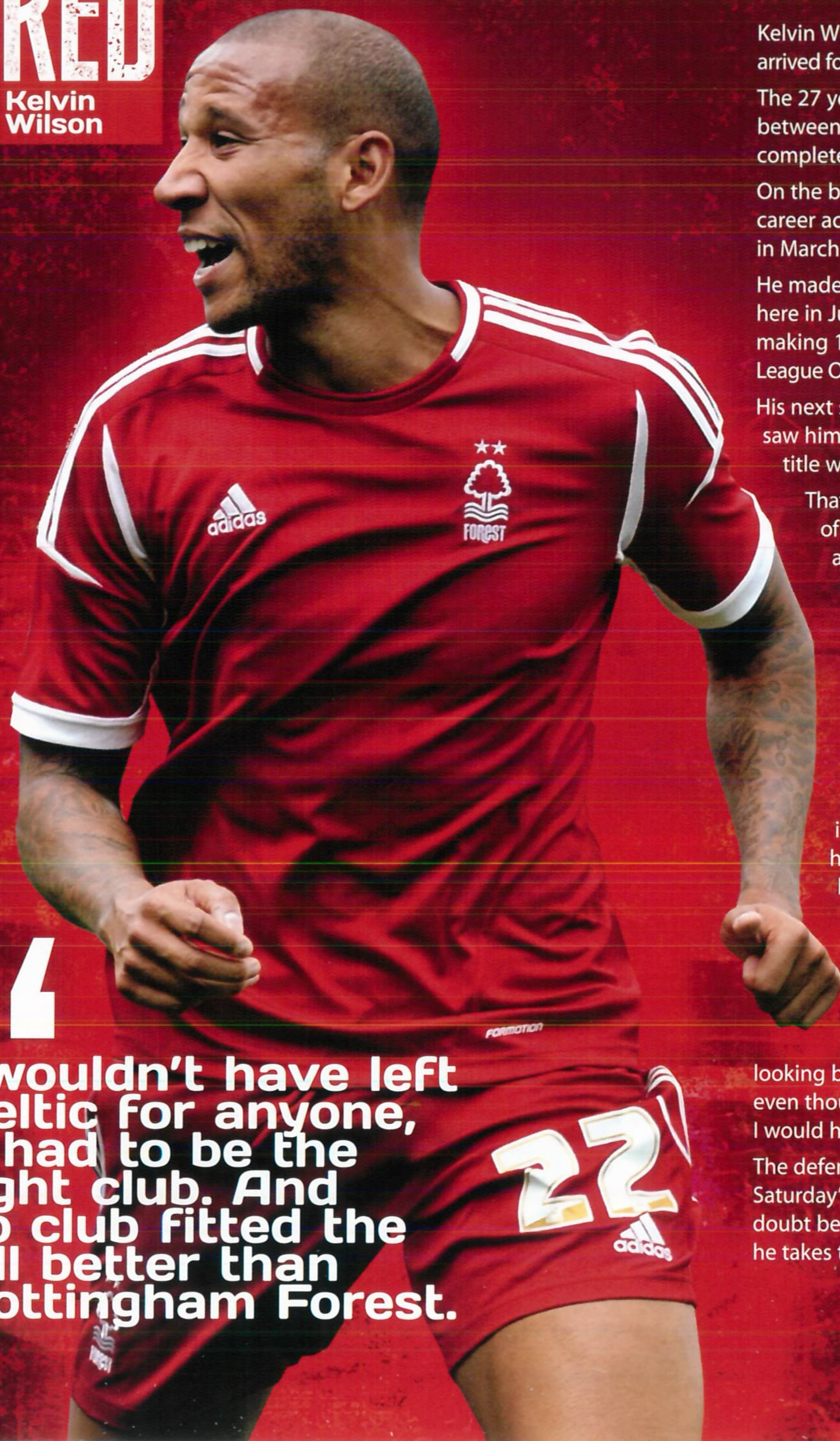


ON 1 JULY 2011, I CAME BACK TO THE CITY GROUND. I HAVE MADE 91 APPEARANCES AND SCORED SEVEN GOALS SINCE MY RETURN.



# HIRED

Kelvin  
Wilson



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**I wouldn't have left Celtic for anyone, it had to be the right club. And no club fitted the bill better than Nottingham Forest.**

Kelvin Wilson made a welcome return this month when he arrived for an undisclosed fee from Scottish champions Celtic. The 27 year old defender, who spent four years with us between 2007 and 2011, signed a three-year contract to complete his homecoming.

On the books at Notts County as a youngster, Wilson's career accelerated when he joined Preston North End in March 2006.

He made 30 appearances for The Lilywhites before arriving here in July 2007. He went on to become a hero of ours, making 136 outings and helping us win promotion from League One in the 2007-08 season under Colin Calderwood.

His next stop was Parkhead in July 2011, a move which saw him help Celtic claim the Scottish Premier League title within his first season in Glasgow.

That was to be the first of many successes for him north of the border, but Wilson's individual development was also highlighted last season when he put in an impressive performance to help The Bhoys earn a famous victory over Barcelona at Celtic Park.

On his return to The City Ground, Wilson admitted that it was a tough decision to leave the club who had given him a shot at Champions League football, but that he was looking forward to coming back home.

He said: "It is nice to be back. I'm delighted to get it all sorted. I wouldn't have left Celtic for anyone, it had to be the right club. And no club fitted the bill better than Nottingham Forest.

"Out of everything, I have probably missed the fans the most. I love playing at The City Ground. I know people talk about Barcelona, this game and that game, but I just love matchdays here.

"I've been at Notts County, Preston and Celtic but looking back and trying to pick a spell I enjoyed the most, even though I played in the Champions League with Celtic, I would have to say it was here."

The defender made his official return for us in last Saturday's 1-0 win at Blackburn Rovers and he will no doubt be looking forward to a rapturous reception as he takes to the field for this afternoon's game.



# A **RED** WAS BORN TODAY **1910**

## Arthur Masters

Masters, a right winger by trade, joined us in 1932 from Horwich RMI and made his debut in April 1933 in a 2-2 home draw with Lincoln City.

He scored his first goal for the club in a 4-3 defeat at West Ham United the following week.

He became a regular in our first team over the next three seasons, playing 118 times for us and scoring 26 goals as we struggled in the bottom half of the Second Division.

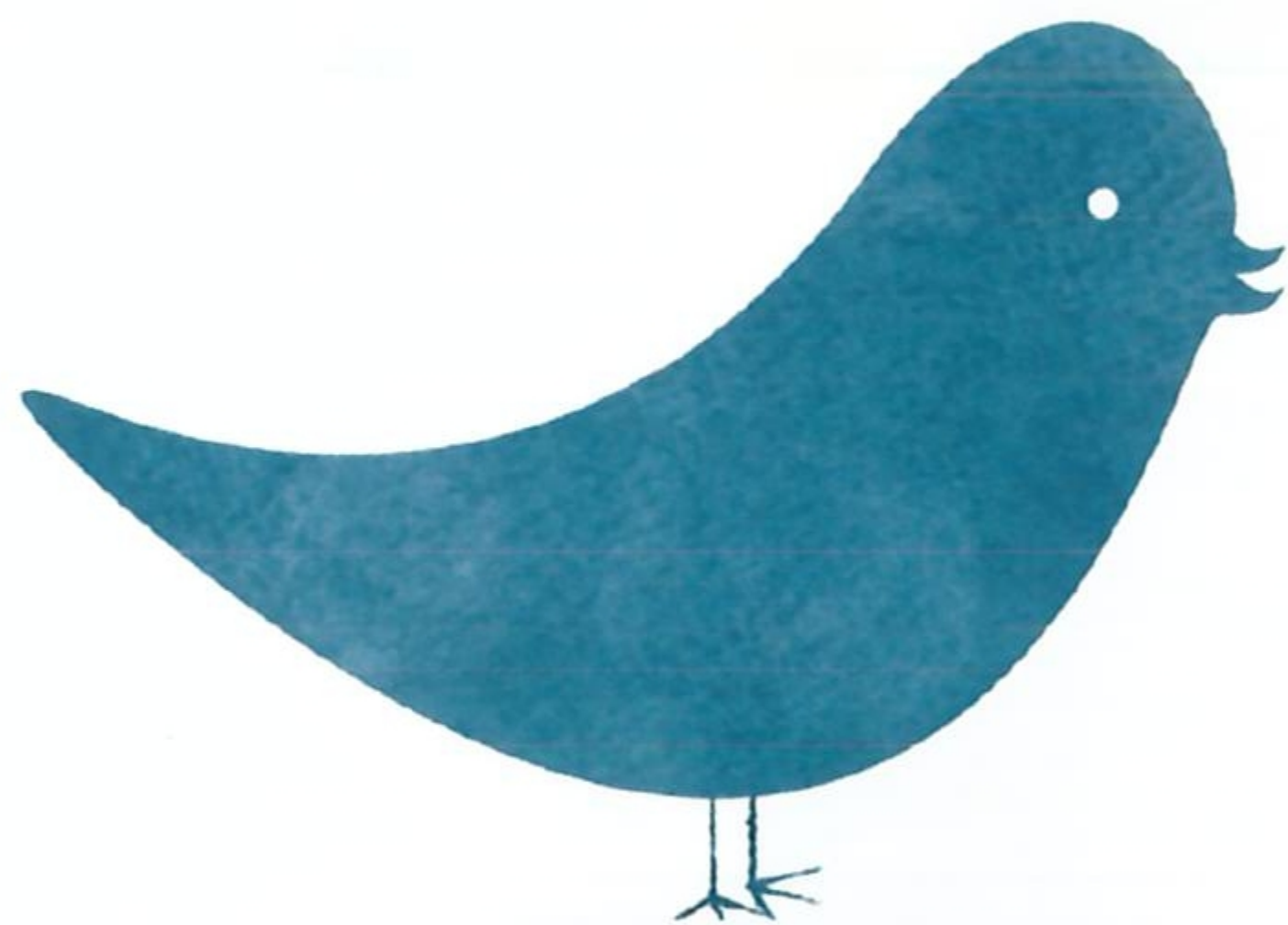
After finding games hard to come by and with us having narrowly avoided relegation for the second successive season, Masters left for Port Vale in May 1937.

**1932-1937**  
**APPS 118**  
**GOALS 26**





# QUESTION TIME



**@james1spencer:**

**Q:** What is Fawaz's #NFFC dream?

**Fawaz Al Hasawi,  
Chairman and Owner**

**A:** I have the same dream as the fans, staff and players – to take this club back into the Premier League, where it belongs, and to make us sustainable in the top flight. Anything beyond that would be a bonus, but I would of course love to see us compete in Europe once more.



**@Newtronbomb\_92:**

**Q:** How many tickets will we give Derby when they come to The City Ground?

**Christine Bennett,  
Assistant Ticket  
Office Manager**

**A:** Derby will receive the full visitors' allocation of 2,002 tickets.



**@PantherAS90:**

**Q:** Why don't Forest have a history museum? The club is full of history yet has no official museum.



**Ben White,  
Media and Communications  
Manager**

**A:** Very good question. Last year we appointed an extremely knowledgeable club historian who has since gathered lots of information and artefacts with a view to creating a museum. There is very little space at The City Ground but Fawaz and his family are very keen to resolve that and to design something we can all be proud of.

**@HarryBennett1:**

**Q:** Why have such a formal Twitter account instead of one that replies to all fans' questions?

**Ben White, Media and  
Communications Manager**

**A:** To answer every question we receive on Twitter would be impossible. We pride ourselves on dealing with facts and a high number of questions we receive are born out of speculation from journalists.



**@marquinnotts:**

**Q:** Who thinks charging mascots £550 is a good idea?

**Joe Sharphouse, Operations Manager**

**A:** The club selects one Junior Red at random to be a mascot for every fixture as part of the Junior Reds package, which is available for £25 and includes a free season ticket when purchased with a full-priced adult ticket (full information can be found on the Junior Supporters section of the website).

All Junior Reds mascot experiences are completely free of charge. Last season, however, we decided to give fans the opportunity to guarantee a mascot space by purchasing the Mascot Package, which sold out. We therefore have both options available. The purchased mascot space includes full hospitality for four people. If anyone would like to enquire about booking a Mascot Package, give the Commercial department a call on 0115 982 4450 and ask for Caz.



**@F\_O\_R\_E\_S\_TBOY:**

**Q:** Would it be feasible to have WiFi installed at The City Ground, making the screens etc. interactive for fans?



**Steve Dickman, IT Manager**

**A:** We realise that communication within the stadium on a matchday is problematic. Providing over 20,000 fans with high speed WiFi is a huge job considering a single wireless access point can usually only handle 254 'clients'. In addition, shipping all of that traffic out to the internet would require a large 'pipe' which would only be used for two and a half hours every other Saturday.

We are exploring the provision of a 3G/4G 'hotspot' within the stadium in conjunction with a major telecommunication provider. This would give fans access to other services on their phones as well as to 'internal' NFFC Apps and video streams. These providers are experts in the field and would provide all the necessary infrastructure to give supporters the services they want.

Several clubs have already implemented such a system and we are in touch with them to see how things are progressing. We are likely to be making some decisions on this matter later in the year.

**@bazdjcooper:**

**Q:** Can the club explain the reasons for producing two new kits every summer?

**Joe Sharphouse, Operations Manager**

**A:** It's something which changed around ten years ago, and is often purely a commercial decision. The unveiling of the new strip is one of the key dates in the diary which the fans look forward to. Sometimes the sponsorship on the front of the shirt will have a bearing on this, so if a sponsor changes it will result in a change of shirt. This season, with the change from Umbro to adidas, the replica kit sales are currently double what they were at this stage last season, with the away kit only having just gone on sale.





The latest From...

# The Nigel Doughty Academy



by Gary Brazil  
Interim Head of Academy

The new Academy season got going this weekend and, for some of our youngsters, it was their first chance to impress in their new age groups.

Our Under 21s hosted Huddersfield Town yesterday afternoon, while our new-look Under 18s travelled to Barnsley this morning.

Those with a keen interest in our Academy will recognise the names of a number of our first-year scholars – Kasheme Walton, Tyler Walker, Luke Thomas, Jermaine Worthington, Joe Worrall, Oliver Burke and Richard Dearle have all made the step up from our Under 16s this summer.

We have also moved to bring in Jack Kelly and David Arrowsmith from Wolves, while Andreas Karo has come over to join us from Cyprus.

We have also welcomed Modibo Tounkara (right) from Valenciennes. He is a French Under 17 international who grew up playing football on the street - his technique is excellent.

He can do some brilliant things with the ball but we have to teach him how he can use that to good effect and also where and when to do it on the pitch.

The majority of the scholars have played together for a while so they know each other well - they aren't just a group that are coming together now. That is a massive positive for both the players and coaching staff.

We have been pleased with the work that has been done in pre-season and it all looks like it is coming together now. The boys have played some tough games against the likes of Tottenham, Fulham and West Brom but they've done really well. They're getting physically stronger now, the coaching staff have worked them really hard and I'm pleased with the work we've done.

The job for us is to take them from schoolboy level to professional level and that is what the pre-season schedule was all about. The players have to understand what the next level is all about and now they have to start upping their quality and intensity.



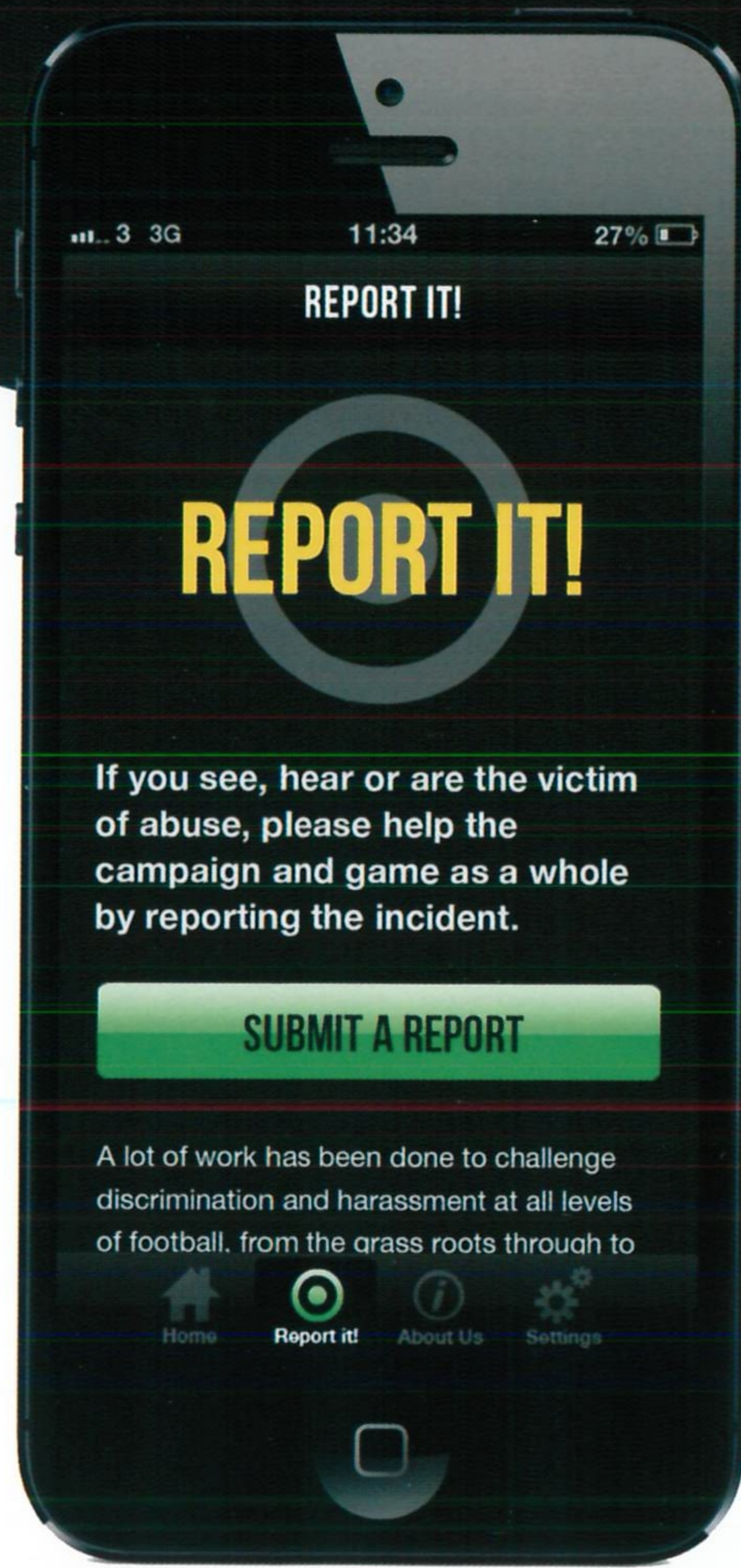
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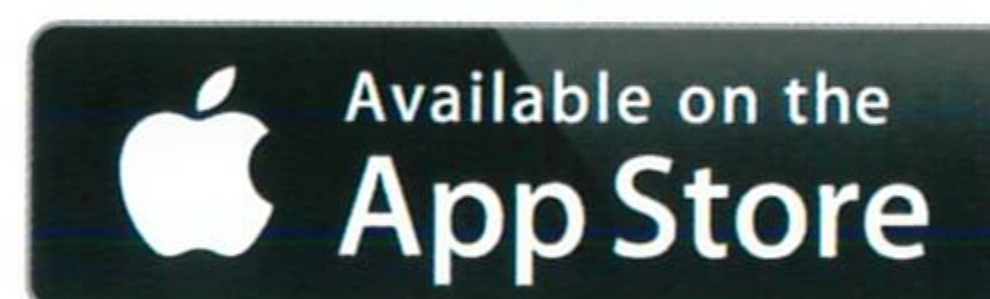
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# FOREST 3 HARTLEPOOL 1



Majewski 33', Halford 65', Derbyshire 67'



Austin 61'

We continued our winning start to the campaign with a 3-1 victory over Hartlepool in the first round of the Capital One Cup.

Radoslaw Majewski, Greg Halford and Matt Derbyshire all scored as we brushed the League Two outfit aside, although Pools did score a later consolation through Neil Austin.



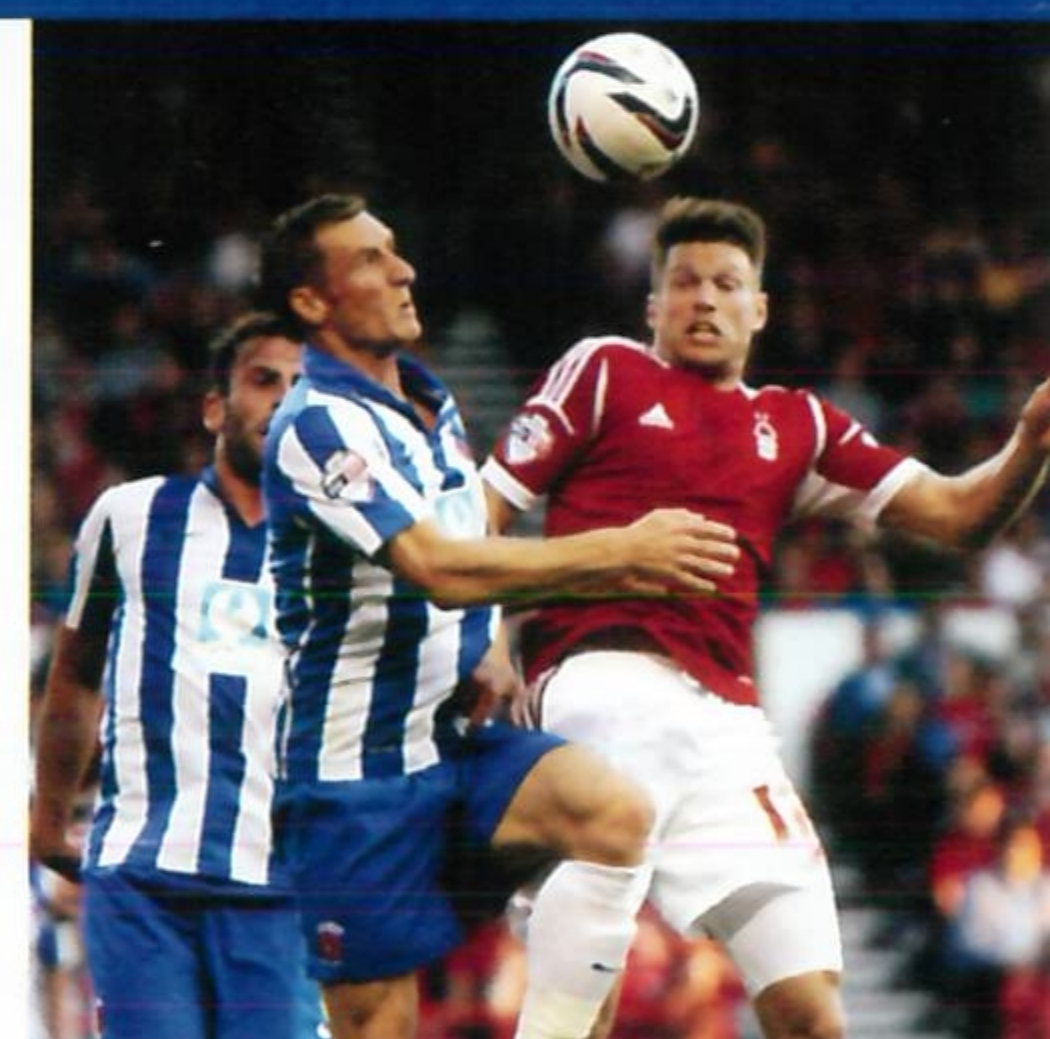
## LINE-UPS

### Forest

de Vries, Jara Reyes, Halford, Hobbs, Harding, Guedioura, Paterson, Majewski, Mackie (Reid 61'), Cox (Derbyshire 26'), Henderson (Miller 70'). Subs not used: Darlow, Collins, Cohen, McLaughlin.

### Hartlepool United

Flinders (Rafferty 46'), Austin, Baldwin, Franks, Walton, Compton (Howard 61'), Sweeney, Holden, James (Rodney 84'), Burgess, Walker. Subs not used: Collins, Poole, Monkhouse, Richards.



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THERE WERE SOME POSITIVES AND NEGATIVES – WE CONCEDED A SLOPPY GOAL BUT THE PLAYERS WHO CAME INTO THE TEAM DID WELL. A WIN'S A WIN. GREG HALFORD



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## Watford

**Sky Bet Championship**

**Sunday 25 August 2013**

Kick-off 1.15pm, Vicarage Road

Last season's beaten playoff finalists Watford are our hosts in just over a fortnight's time as two Championship promotion contenders clash at Vicarage Road.

Gianfranco Zola's men were 90 minutes away from the Premier League in May and will be determined to reach the top flight this time around, while we will be looking to avenge our 2-0 loss in Hertfordshire last December.

### PRICES

|                                                     |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Adults                                              | £26 |
| Seniors (65 years of age and above)                 | £15 |
| Juveniles (16-19 years of age)                      | £15 |
| Students (25 years and under with a valid NUS card) | £15 |
| Juniors (16 years of age and under)                 | £10 |

We have received an initial allocation of 989 reserved seat tickets located behind the goal in The Vicarage Road Stand. An additional allocation is available if required. Tickets, which are restricted to one ticket per client reference number, are now on general sale.

### Disabled supporters

In line with the ticketing policy of Watford FC, disabled and personal assistant tickets are available to supporters that receive the middle or higher rate of disability living allowance for either care or mobility. Wheelchair disabled supporters should purchase tickets in advance from Nottingham Forest and are priced at £15 for adults and £5 for concessions for both the disabled supporter and the personal assistant. There are six wheelchair bays available for visiting supporters. Ambulant disabled supporters should purchase tickets in advance from Nottingham Forest and are priced at the age related price for both the disabled supporter and the personal assistant. Tickets for ambulant disabled supporters will be issued from the main allocation.

### Official Coach Travel

Coach travel will depart from The Brian Clough Stand car park at 9am and is priced at £14.



## Millwall

**Capital One Cup Second Round**

**Wednesday 28 August 2013**

Kick-off 7.45pm, The City Ground

After a win over Hartlepool United in the first round, fellow Championship side Millwall are our next opponents in the Capital One Cup.

Steve Lomas (above) will bring his team to Trentside for this intriguing clash and will be looking for some relief in the cup after his side lost both of their opening matches in the Sky Bet Championship.

Those defeats came against Yeovil and Ipswich but a 2-1 home win over AFC Wimbledon in the first round set up Wednesday's tie.

### PRICES

#### GENERAL SALE

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Adults    | £12 |
| Seniors*  | £8  |
| Under 18s | £5  |

#### SEASON TICKET-HOLDERS

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| Adults    | £10 |
| Seniors*  | £7  |
| Under 18s | £5  |

\* 65 years of age and above

Tickets are on sale to season ticket-holders and NFFC members only and will go on general sale on Monday 19 August at 9am.

As per the club's policy in recent years, which is communicated in all season ticket literature and on the club's website, for early rounds of cup matches some areas of the ground will be closed. Initially only The Main Stand, Trent End lower tier & The Brian Clough Stand lower tier will be open to Nottingham Forest supporters for this fixture. Due to stand closures, season ticket-holders will not have their usual seat reserved for them and seats will be sold on a first-come first-served basis. The club will inform season ticket-holders, via the official website, if and when other tiers open so those supporters can choose to relocate. Relocation of tickets will not be available on the day of the match.



## Wigan Athletic

**Sky Bet Championship**

**Saturday 31 August 2013**

Kick-off 3pm, The DW Stadium

We make our second trip to Lancashire in the space of three weeks as we travel to face FA Cup-holders Wigan Athletic in a fortnight's time. The Latics, now managed by former Bolton boss Owen Coyle, are aiming to bounce back to the Premier League at the first attempt following their relegation in May and have snapped up striker Grant Holt to help fire them back to the top flight.

### PRICES

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Adults                              | £20 |
| Seniors (65 years of age and above) | £15 |
| Juveniles (16-21 years of age)      | £15 |
| Juniors (16 years of age and under) | £10 |

We have received an initial allocation of 2,436 reserved seat tickets located behind the goal in The North Stand. An additional allocation is available if required. Tickets, which are restricted to one ticket per client reference number, are now on sale to Away Membership-holders and season ticket-holders. *Remaining tickets will go on sale on the following dates: NFFC members – 9am on Wednesday 21 August General sale – 9am on Saturday 24 August*

### Disabled supporters

In line with the ticketing policy of Wigan Athletic FC, disabled and personal assistant tickets are available to supporters that receive any rate of disability living allowance for either care or mobility. Wheelchair disabled supporters should purchase tickets in advance from Nottingham Forest and are priced at £15 for adults and £10 for Under 16s, for both the disabled supporter and the personal assistant. There are 14 wheelchair bays available for visiting supporters. Ambulant disabled supporters should purchase tickets in advance from Nottingham Forest and are priced at £15.00 and £10.00 for Under 16s, for both the disabled supporter and the personal assistant. Tickets for ambulant disabled supporters will be issued from the main allocation. There are six free of charge car parking spaces available for wheelchair users which should be booked directly with Wigan Athletic Ticket Office by calling 08716 633 552.

### Official Coach Travel

Coach travel will depart The Brian Clough Stand car park at 10:30am and is priced at £14





## Barnsley

**Sky Bet Championship**  
**Saturday 14 September 2013**  
Kick-off 3pm, The City Ground

Our next home game in the Championship sees David Flitcroft bring his Barnsley side to The City Ground for what should be a tough test for us.

The Tykes ground out a 0-0 draw here last season to put a dent in our playoff hopes and they will be looking for a positive result again this time around.

In an attempt to stave off another relegation battle this season Flitcroft has made a number of shrewd summer signings, including striker Chris O'Grady (above) and tricky winger Dale Jennings (right).



### PRICES

#### GENERAL SALE

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Adults    | £25 (£27) |
| Seniors*  | £18 (£20) |
| Under 18s | £12 (£12) |
| Under 12s | £6 (£6)   |

\* 65 years of age and above

#### FAMILY STAND

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Adults    | £20 (£22) |
| Seniors*  | £15 (£17) |
| Under 18s | £10 (£10) |
| Under 12s | £5 (£5)   |

The ticket price on matchday is shown in brackets.

Tickets go on sale to season ticket-holders and NFFC Members from 9am on Monday 19 August before going on general sale from 9am on Saturday 31 August.



## Middlesbrough

**Sky Bet Championship**  
**Tuesday 17 September 2013**  
Kick-off 7.45pm, The City Ground

Tony Mowbray's Middlesbrough visit The City Ground next month in a repeat of the fixture which threw up a goalless draw last season.

Boro have added former Stoke midfielder Dean Whitehead and ex-Bristol City winger Albert Adomah to their ranks this summer.

### PRICES

#### GENERAL SALE

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Adults    | £25 (£27) |
| Seniors*  | £18 (£20) |
| Under 18s | £12 (£12) |
| Under 12s | £6 (£6)   |

\* 65 years of age and above

#### FAMILY STAND

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Adults    | £20 (£22) |
| Seniors*  | £15 (£17) |
| Under 18s | £10 (£10) |
| Under 12s | £5 (£5)   |

The ticket price on matchday is shown in brackets.

NFFC Members can claim a £10 discount on their match ticket for this game. One membership entitles the supporter to one discounted match ticket purchased using their client reference number. Discount for adult and senior NFFC Members does not include Robin's Reds, Robin's Outlaws and Little John's Juniors.

#### NFFC MEMBERS

|         |           |
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| Adults  | £15 (£17) |
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#### FAMILY STAND

|         |           |
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| Adults  | £10 (£12) |
| Seniors | £5 (£7)   |

Tickets go on sale to season ticket-holders and NFFC members from 9am on Monday 19 August and on general sale from 9am on Monday 2 September.



## Derby County

**Sky Bet Championship**  
**Saturday 28 September 2013**  
Kick-off 12.15pm, The City Ground

This season's eagerly-anticipated clash with Derby County is only six weeks away and both sides have started the season in good form.

Nigel Clough has moved to bring experience to Pride Park over the summer, adding Lee Grant (right), Chris Martin and John Eustace to The Rams' squad in a bid to reach this season's playoffs.

An entertaining match is guaranteed in front of a capacity City Ground crowd and with both teams desperate for early season bragging rights, this year's contest is shaping up to be a good one.



### PRICES

#### GENERAL SALE

|           |     |
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| Adults    | £32 |
| Seniors*  | £24 |
| Under 18s | £16 |
| Under 12s | £8  |

\* 65 years of age and above

#### FAMILY STAND

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Adults    | £27 |
| Seniors*  | £22 |
| Under 18s | £14 |
| Under 12s | £7  |

Tickets go on sale to season ticket-holders and NFFC Members from 9am on Monday 19 August and on general sale from 9am on Monday 16 September.





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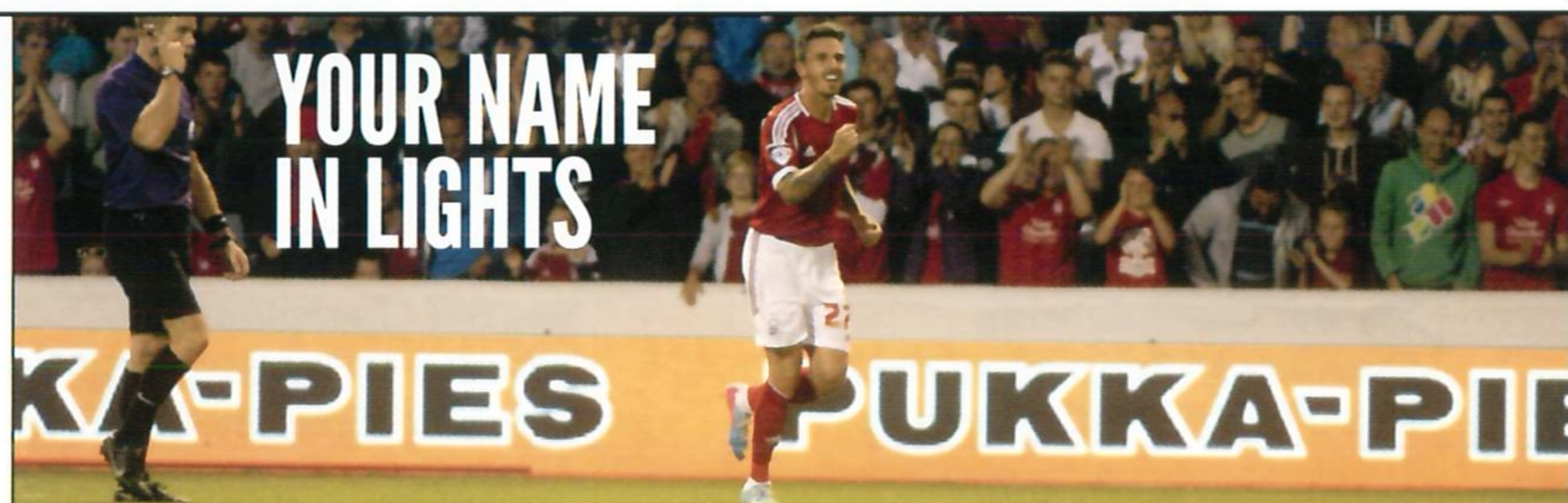
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## NEW MAN ON THE MIC JASON LEE

Please join me in welcoming our new hospitality host for the 2013-14 season – Forest legend Jason Lee.

Jason made his career debut with Charlton and had spells at Lincoln City and Southend before Brian Clough brought him here in 1994.

The striker quickly became a firm favourite with the Forest faithful, scoring eight goals in 28 games during the 1994-95 season.

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**MOTM V HARTLEPOOL**



Henri Lansbury started the season in style by scooping the first Man of the Match award of the new campaign after scoring the winning goal in our opening day victory over Huddersfield Town.

Jamie Paterson then got his Forest career off to a flying start by picking up the Man of the Match award after an impressive performance in our 3-1 win over Hartlepool in the Capital One Cup.

Lansbury can be seen here collecting his Man of the Match award from Finlay Daniels, who was representing Woodside Management Services, our Big Match Sponsors for the game, while Paterson is pictured receiving his award from Mick Garton of MSR Newsgroup.

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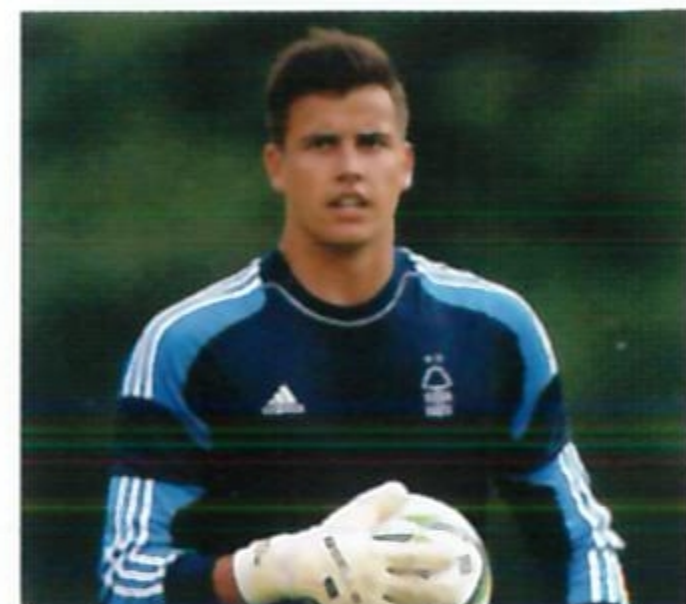
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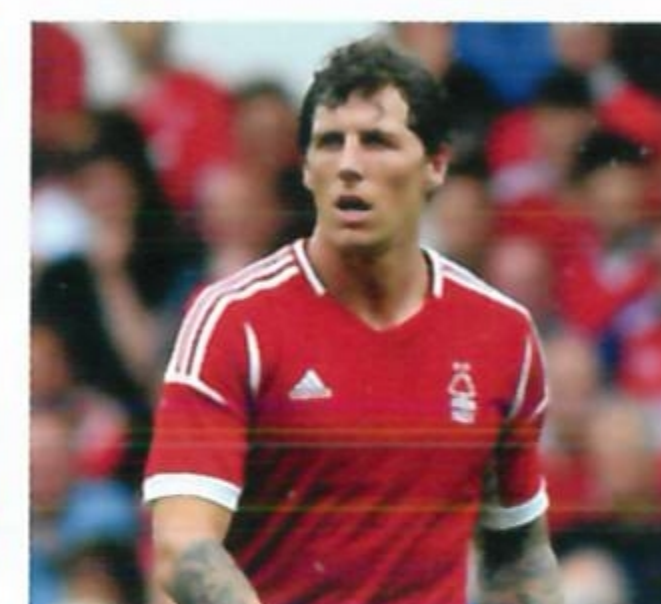
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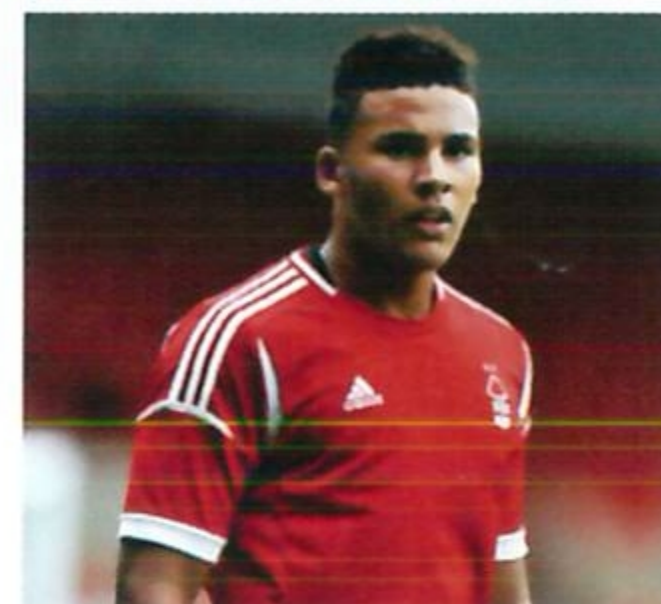
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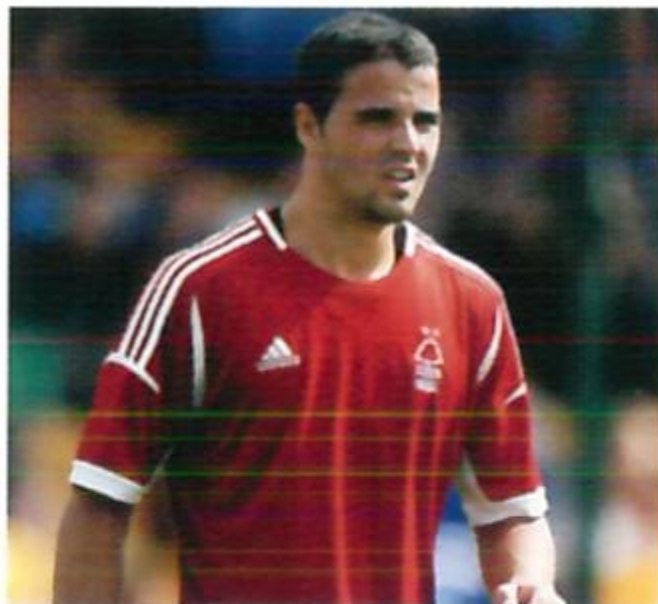
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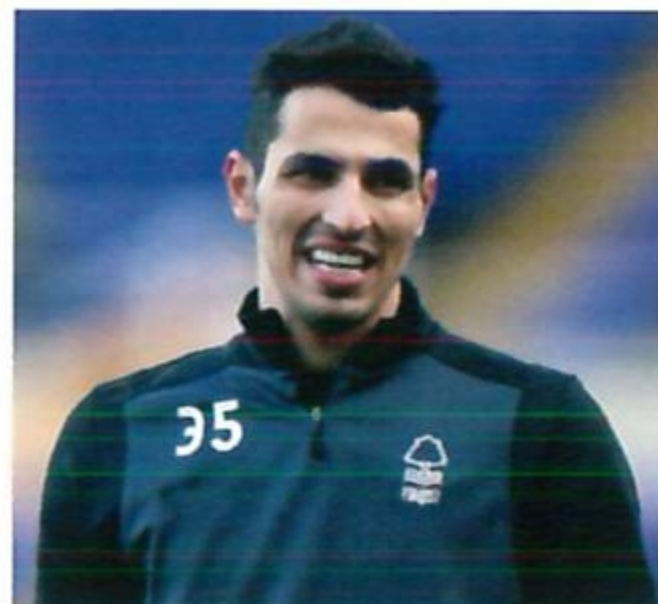
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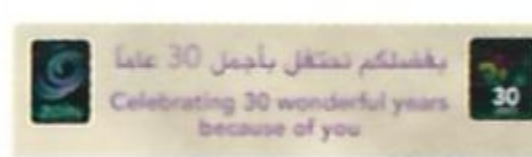
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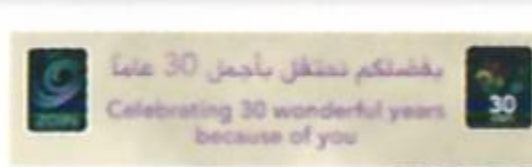
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|                   | P    | W | D | L | F | A    | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |  |
| Watford           | 2    | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1    | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6  | 6   |  |
| Blackpool         | 2    | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0    | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3  | 6   |  |
| FOREST            | 2    | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0    | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2  | 6   |  |
| Burnley           | 2    | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1    | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1  | 4   |  |
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| Ipswich Town      | 2    | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2  | 3   |  |
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| Bolton Wanderers  | 2    | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1    | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0  | 2   |  |
| Blackburn Rovers  | 2    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1    | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1   |  |
| Huddersfield Town | 2    | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 1   |  |
| Brighton          | 2    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -2 | 0   |  |
| Sheffield Wed     | 2    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -2 | 0   |  |
| Charlton Athletic | 2    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -2 | 0   |  |
| Doncaster Rovers  | 1    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 0   |  |
| Millwall          | 2    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | -4 | 0   |  |
| Barnsley          | 2    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -5 | 0   |  |

| PLAYER |                    | LEAGUE |     | CUP  |     | TOTAL |     |
|--------|--------------------|--------|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|
|        |                    | APPS   | GLS | APPS | GLS | APPS  | GLS |
| 1      | Karl Darlow        | 2      |     |      |     | 2     |     |
| 2      | Eric Lichaj        | 2      |     |      |     | 2     |     |
| 3      | Dan Harding        |        |     | 1    |     | 1     |     |
| 4      | Simon Gillett      |        |     |      |     |       |     |
| 5      | Danny Collins      | 1      |     |      |     | 1     |     |
| 6      | Guy Moussi         |        |     |      |     |       |     |
| 7      | Adlene Guedioura   | 2      |     | 1    |     | 3     |     |
| 8      | Chris Cohen        | 2      |     |      |     | 2     |     |
| 9      | Darius Henderson   | 1(1)   | 1   | 1    |     | 2(1)  | 1   |
| 10     | Henri Lansbury     | 2      | 1   |      |     | 2     | 1   |
| 11     | Andy Reid          | 2      |     | (1)  |     | 2(1)  |     |
| 12     | Jamie Mackie       | 1(1)   |     | 1    |     | 2(1)  |     |
| 14     | Jonathan Greening  |        |     |      |     |       |     |
| 15     | Greg Halford       | (1)    |     | 1    | 1   | 1(1)  | 1   |
| 17     | Ishmael Miller     | (1)    |     | (1)  |     | (2)   |     |
| 18     | Gonzalo Jara Reyes |        |     | 1    |     | 1     |     |
| 20     | Marcus Tudgay      |        |     |      |     |       |     |
| 21     | Jamie Paterson     | 1(1)   |     | 1    |     | 2(1)  |     |
| 22     | Kelvin Wilson      | 1      |     |      |     | 1     |     |
| 23     | Dexter Blackstock  |        |     |      |     |       |     |
| 25     | Jack Hobbs         | 2      |     | 1    |     | 3     |     |
| 26     | Dimitar Evtimov    |        |     |      |     |       |     |
| 27     | Matt Derbyshire    | 1(1)   |     | (1)  | 1   | 1(2)  | 1   |
| 28     | Radoslaw Majewski  | 1      |     | 1    | 1   | 2     | 1   |
| 29     | Dorus de Vries     |        |     | 1    |     | 1     |     |
| 30     | Stephen McLaughlin |        |     |      |     |       |     |
| 31     | Simon Cox          | 1      |     | 1    |     | 2     |     |
| 33     | David Morgan       |        |     |      |     |       |     |
| 35     | Khaled Al-Rashidi  |        |     |      |     |       |     |
| 39     | Djamel Abdoun      |        |     |      |     |       |     |

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# THE LAST WORD



## Stephen McLaughlin

### Last text you sent...

To my girlfriend

### Last TV programme you watched...

Big Brother

### Last meal you cooked...

Lasagne



### Last holiday you went on...

Barcelona with my brothers and a few of my friends

### Last car you purchased...

Audi A4

### Last sporting event you attended...

Gaelic Football

### Last song you listened to...

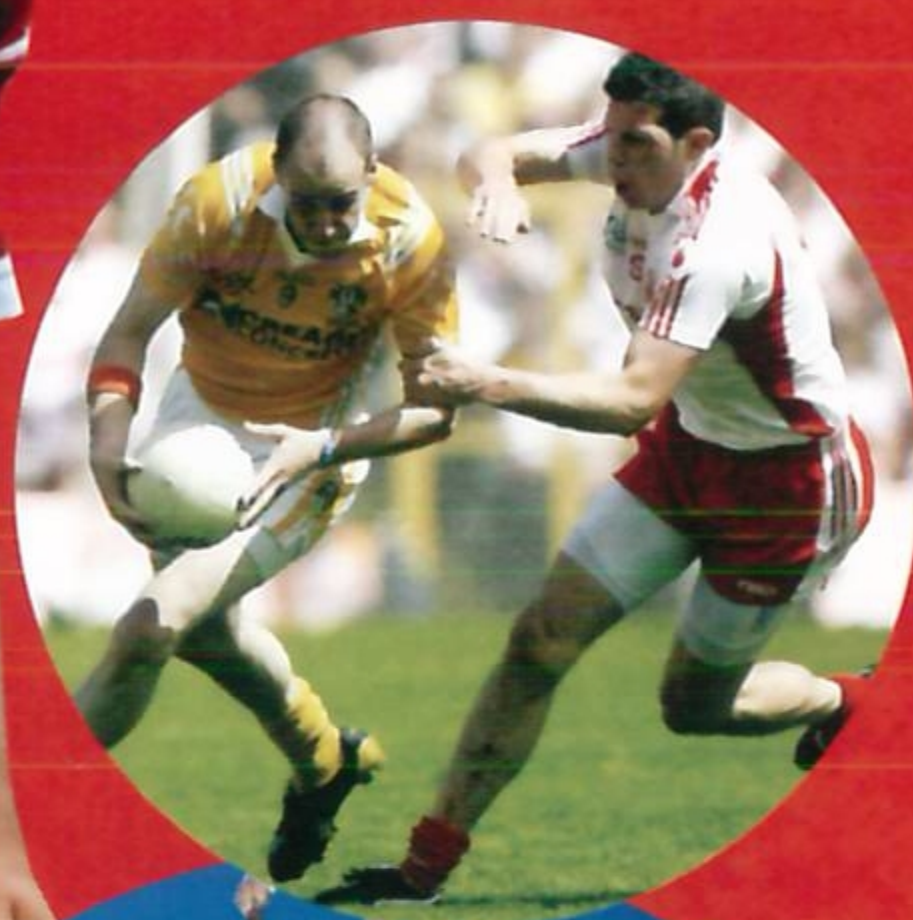
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### Last time you were starstruck...

After meeting my idol, Roy Keane

### Last item of clothing you bought...

A pair of trainers







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| 14 | Andre Moritz       |
| 15 | Alex Baptiste      |
| 16 | Mark Davies        |
| 20 | Joe Riley          |
| 21 | Darren Pratley     |
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| 38 | Sanmi Odelusi      |
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## TODAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

Leeds United v Sheffield Wednesday  
 Barnsley v Charlton Athletic  
 Birmingham City v Brighton  
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 Burnley v Yeovil Town  
 Derby County v Leicester City  
 Middlesbrough v Blackpool  
 Millwall v Huddersfield Town  
 QPR v Ipswich Town  
 Reading v Watford

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## TODAY'S RESULT

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